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CRAWFORD COUNTY AVALANCHE

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Beaver Creek Township seeking changes

Rezoning may create commercial corridor along I-75

by Shirley D. Schmoock
Special Writer

In November, Beaver Creek Township began to pursue zoning changes. As a gateway township for the Grayling area, the board advanced to the Crawford County Planning Commission some substantive changes to its current structure.

The first area it considered ripe for change is described as the "Four Mile Road area at the 251 interchange including areas east of Old 27 and south to Five Mile Road easterly approximately 1,000 feet to the area zoned Industrial. Excluding the area of small tracts along Five Mile Road and also properties bordering the west side of I-75 from Four Mile Road to Five Mile Road westerly 1000 feet. A change from Highway Service Commercial (HSC) to Community Service Commercial (CSC)"

The request will alter the entire interchange from a Highway Service Commercial (HSC) District to a Community Service Commercial (CSC) District, a change the township board hopes will benefit the future

growth of the area.

The basic difference between the two zoning definitions is that CSC allows for a wider variety of services. This change would make possible a shopping-center like district, where the current HSC zoning is more suited to the traveler, to guests and diners, or to those needing temporary or emergency assistance, while on the road

The CSC zoning would expand the uses of the land beyond the guest-traveler mode, and would serve to meet neighborhood needs, as well. Additional uses allowed under this zoning would be theaters, as well as farm, automotive and boating sales and service-oriented businesses. Other uses could include all allowable services found under the Neighborhood Service Commercial (NSC) District, and would therefore encourage nearly every manner of shop, such as antique, beauty, clothing, dry cleaning, and toys, to name a few.

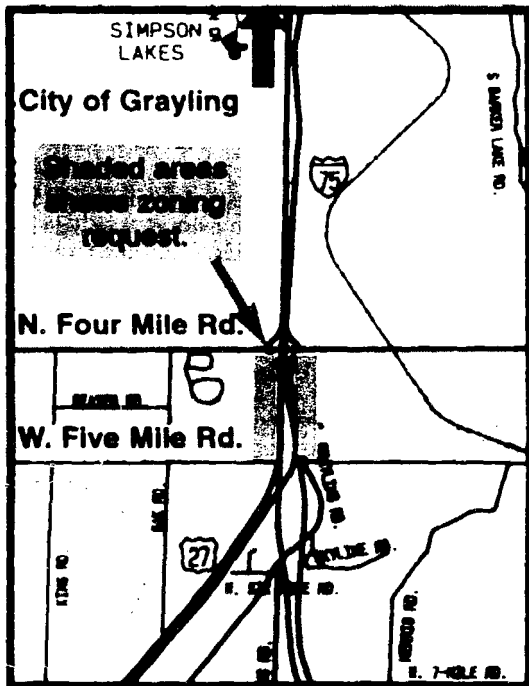
The other change requested by the Beaver Creek Township Board is to tap into the residential potential found westward "along Military Road to King Road to be changed from Agricultural Residential (AR) and Resource Development-Military (RD-M)." The request for change in this area is to Low Density Residential (LDR).

Changing both of these areas to Low Density Residential (LDR) would

increase the township's capability of expanding its housing climate. The current zoning, especially the AR, farming, greenhouses, hatcheries

and other like business. These uses require large tracts of land and are generally occupied by their owners. With a change to LDR, many of

the AR uses could be continued, but single family homes could also be built on smaller parcels, and the area See 'Commerce growth...' A-2



BEST WISHES — Members of the Crawford County Board of Commissioners sent out best wishes to all of the county at their final meeting of 1997 last week. Pictured in a festive mood, properly decked out for the holidays, are (back row, from left) Commissioners John Hartman of Beaver Creek, Chair Bruce Brietzke of South Branch, Dennis Long of Grayling, Robert Smock of Grayling Township, and Sandra Moore, County Clerk/Register. Front row are Commissioners Kathy Black of Frederic Township, and Lynette Corlew of Grayling Township, holding Caylee Corlew, who experienced her first Christmas. Photo by Shirley Schmoock.



Crawford Deputies pitch in for needy kids at Christmas

by Shirley D. Schmoock
Special Writer

In an outpouring of compassion and generosity that surprised them, Crawford County Sheriff's Deputies Conrad Niederhouse and Randy Herman did what their plan called for: they made some local children very happy this Christmas.

"When we heard that Jeff and Deb Schlaack of Traverse City wanted to donate some Christmas trees to us, we jumped at the opportunity," said Herman. "We've raised money in past years to buy presents for kids, but we've never experienced anything quite like this. Actually, we didn't have a fund raiser planned when this deal came through."

The adventure began two weeks ago when Herman, Niederhouse and another deputy, Tom Coors, went after the donated trees. They were promised 100 or so.

Deb Schlaack met the deputies and asked if they'd brought their saws. "We've got an hour to give you, but you'll have to cut the rest of

them yourselves."

She was joshing, of course. Eventually, with more than 100 trees loaded, the three returned to "set up shop" in the K-Mart parking lot. McGruff, the crime fighting dog, got himself dressed, signs were made, and the plan was this: give people a good bargain for that weekend only and use the money to buy Christmas presents for some local children.

"We called the school and the teachers gave us names. Some of them were already taken, but we finally selected two hard working families who we thought could use some extra gifts. Then we went to work," Niederhouse said.

The trees went like wildfire. The bargain was so good that people added even more in donations to the bargain price and the tree lot sold out. Oh, now what to do? They went back for more trees, what else.

"The best part about all of this was that we got to meet people in our community on a friendly basis," Herman said. "Usually, when peo-

ple see us, they're under a lot of stress."

But not this time.

"When people found out what we were doing, they started giving us more. Glen's provided complete dinners for the families, and Al and Jacquie Smith from 7-11, especially Al, stayed almost the whole time, helping out. We had firefighters there, and when City Officer Darrel Earls came by to get a tree he'd already paid for, he ended up staying at the lot and selling some himself.

"Another guy we couldn't have done without was George Berger. George is retired and he's our part-time, non-paid reserve deputy volunteer. He's always at the station and he really kept the ball rolling on this."

It's not often, Herman said, that law enforcement gets to operate so visibly in a community and for such a good cause. They do, however, sponsor a little league team and members from the Deputy's See 'Crawford deputies...' A-2

School plans are taking shape

by Shirley D. Schmoock
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Revising the floor plan of a building the size of the Grayling High School is no small matter. And, to expect a growing student body and the essential academic staff that is required to meet their needs to fit into the current space, is no longer practical or possible.

GNB Architects Harm J. Perdok and George Huyler, Jr. of Holland were on hand last Monday to begin illustrating the crush of this dilemma to the Crawford AuSable School Board. Researching options to these space constraints has been partnered with the need for a new heating plant and roof.

"We must open up some common space in the building to alleviate the student traffic," Perdok said as he showed the assembled group a variety of ways to accomplish this end. "The object is to better utilize the existing building, and begin to ask 'how do we generate more common space?'"

The floor plan of the high school indicates that the mechanical room's current location should probably be moved. It's now centered midway between the auditorium, the gymnasium, and an area foreseen as ideal space for a new cafeteria. If the mechanical plant area could be opened up, much of the building's congestion would be eliminated.

The corridors of the school are no longer adequate to offer an even flow for student traffic. Circulation in the building is nearing critical mass, and safety could become a factor if the congestion is not relieved soon.

"The building has been well maintained during its (25-year) life," Perdok noted, "but the boiler is inefficient and should be relocated to an outside wall." He said that would permit various types of foot traffic to be separated.

The architects had been meeting with school staff earlier that day. Many of the recommendations they put forth regarded a dearth of storage space, the "hot and cold" areas of the building, and how best to relieve the congestion in the corridors. Personal discussion of student considerations is also being planned in the next few weeks.

It seems that overall, grouping the See 'School plans...' A-2

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1997 in review

In a new feature this year, The Crawford County Avalanche has offered the opportunity to governmental units, businesses, churches, and service groups throughout the community to review their activities during the past year. Their contributions are presented in this week's edition, beginning on the Northern Notes page in Section B, and appearing throughout the section.

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Growing telephone usage brings another prefix number to area

by Shirley D. Schmooch
Special Writer

With the proliferation of cellular phones, FAX machines, and children's phones in Crawford County, the new 344 prefix is being handed out in lieu of the familiar 348.

When the Crawford County Courthouse installs a new telephone system to better service the community-at-large, that entire network will have a 344 prefix.

As GTE uses up a group of 10,000 telephone numbers, the company must add another group of 10,000 to accommodate future expansion. With the growth of industry, the call for additional lines has increased. An even more prevalent need is to service Internet users. A second line is a necessity if the customer is to maintain connection with the outside while being on-line.

Larger metropolitan areas have telephone service which eliminates the need for another line, but that service is not yet installed in our area.

John VanWyck, public affairs manager for GTE Michigan, which serves Grayling, said "the entire industry is growing six to seven percent per year, and with 95 percent of the households having at least one phone line, some areas are experiencing area code splits almost regularly."

"Each cellular phone must also have a separate telephone number," he said. "This growth spurt has all happened to our industry within the last five years. Unfortunately, it often costs a business money to change their advertising."

Another growing problem is the

need for more space on existing towers or higher towers to supply power to expanding networks.

"Our antenna system is causing us some trouble," Sheriff Dave Lovely said at a recent Board of Commissioner's meeting. "The Cellular One tower is loaded, Century Cellnet might have some space, but GTE and ATT are taking their towers down. Shell Oil might have a tower we could look at purchasing, but we may be looking at \$2,500 to \$10,000 in costs."

Local law enforcement units have experienced something called a dead spot, when the officer is trying to

transmit a call and the call is not being received by central dispatch. This happens when a higher frequency is required and space on the tower's signaling device is not available at that time.

The employee union currently representing law enforcement personnel consider this dead spot problem as an "unsafe condition," the sheriff reported.

"And, the only remedy we have for 'dead spots' is to get higher on the tower."

The Board of Commissioners requested that Sheriff Lovely look into the problem.

Commerce growth may follow zoning

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could be opened to higher residential use. Single family neighborhoods would also be freed from many restrictions attached to the AR uses.

The final change requested is an area zoned Resource Development - Military. This district currently allows for the preservation and conservation of large tracts of land. These parcels are usually the home of hunting clubs and recreational

uses of a non-intense type like an organized campground. Others uses found under this RD-M zoning would be game refuges, fishing, boating and other water related activity sites.

By altering this RD-M district to a Low Density Residential District, the area could maintain its potential for being a golf course or other recreational facility, but it would also be opened to residential build-

ing as well.

The Crawford County Planning Commission unanimously voted on Dec. 3 to approve these changes and to set a public hearing, which is required by law to effectuate these zoning changes.

The public hearing will be in the County Building at a regular meeting of the Crawford County Planning and Zoning Commission next Wednesday, Jan. 7 at 7 p.m.

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School plans taking shape

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academic classrooms around the media center is of prime consideration, and a modest expansion of the arts and science wing would be desirable, as well. The interior of the building could also use a general facelift, especially where leaks in the roof have damaged the tile. But the major reconfiguration of the building is being designed for the purpose of relieving congestion in the halls by creating larger common areas.

"Economic discussions," said Kent Reynolds, superintendent of schools, "need to be targeted toward the need for opening up space where we're now living with bottle-necks." A solid argument could easily be established for a new mechanical system, as well, as one board member mentioned that a "centralized heating system" would be much more efficient and cost effective.

Perdok agreed that economic considerations were a primary factor in the drafting of a new plan. "But this

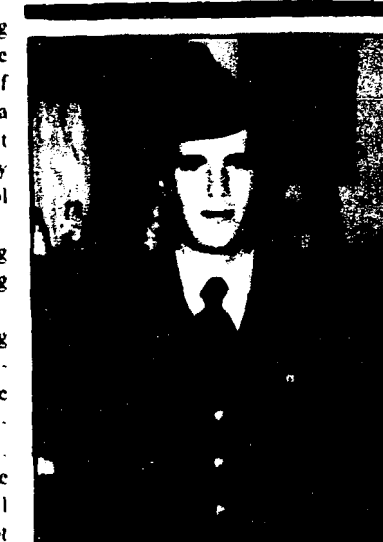
building is so compact that freeing up new insular space is not possible without expanding the perimeters of the building. With the addition of a new cafeteria, however, the current space then becomes the auxiliary space you really need for school activities and overflow.

"And personally, I find doing something with an existing building very exciting."

The logical step beyond meeting with the student population and getting their recommendations, will be to begin insinuating GNB's engineering staff into the proposals. Finding the bottom line on the school's selection of options will determine what will be on the ballot and when.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the school board is on Jan. 19. The next meeting with the architects, is set for Jan. 15 at 5 p.m. in the media center at the high school.

MILITARY NEWS



Eddie Davis

Eddie Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Canfield, is home on leave for two weeks. He graduated from training at Fort McEllan, Ala. as an M.P. There was an open house for him Dec. 18. Pvt. Davis will report to Ft. Carson, Col. on Jan. 4.

Crawford deputies pitch in

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Association volunteer as coaches or assistant coaches. They've also sponsored a Junior Miss contestant, operate the Junior Deputy program, and have held several fund raisers for community families in need.

"The best part of all this was taking the kids shopping," Herman admitted. "We told them they could buy anything they wanted. We just took baskets and let them go. You should have seen the Barbie stuff piled up and games too," said Herman. "Oh, and when we found out that we had one sister and she had three little sisters who weren't on anybody's list, we really had to do something."

Jappy Park came to their rescue when this crisis occurred. He made three beautiful wooden doll cradles

for the girls, and the office staff — wife, Pat Park and Tina Bassett — outfitted the cradles with blankets and just the right things all dolls need. More mittens and gloves were bought and from somewhere, more toys were secured and wrapped for delivery before Christmas.

The Meals on Wheels program also contributed toward the deputies' efforts.

"One little girl only wanted clothes," Herman mentioned sadly. "She said it was because she always had to wear handed down clothes and it would be so nice to have something new. She sure got her wish on that one."

The deputies took the youngsters shopping individually. After the shopping trip, they were treated to lunch at Pizza Hut and went on several local tours to acquaint them with what the deputies and others did for a living and for the community.

Herman said "we went to Northlight, then to the fire department for a ride on the fire truck. We showed them around the 911 office, and one boy admitted to making a 911 call then hanging up. We showed him that his call was still on record. He was impressed."

The Crawford County Sheriff Deputy's Association has 25 members and they encourage new members. Also, they are making plans for Christmas next year, and all donations may be sent to the Sheriff's Department, c/o the Deputy's Association. They are a non-profit organization and welcome suggestions on how to better serve their own community.

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Closing 90-year old walkway irks residents near Lake Margrethe

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Summertime residents of Lake Margrethe used to walk to the "cookhouse" located at 3212 South Portage Ave. and prepare their evening meals. They used a grassy avenue along the lake's edge, and over 90 years a promenade of sorts evolved, though not so formally that it appeared on anyone's deed of record.

Tom Welsh of Grayling, however, said that he remembered his father paying for their portion of the walk when it was cemented. Jean Wilson, another former resident of the area remembered the same thing. She was formerly a Mickelson, and said, "I recall Dad paying for our part of the sidewalk, too."

The cement sidewalk to which these former residents refer, can be seen following the original pathway, and it links 17 properties on the south side of the lake. People use the walkway for exercise, children ride their bicycles or roller skate, while others just enjoy an evening or early morning stroll.

Mary Jane Knibbs, a current resident said, "my children and grandchildren rode their tricycles up and down that sidewalk for as long as I can remember."

"Mine too," said Donna Thompson, another close resident who's incensed that a cyclone type fence has been erected across the way. "Paul even put in a new circular walk last summer, so the kids would have a nice place to turn around and go back that way."

When a chain link fence went up all around Wayne Furst's property,

-- the same place the old "cookhouse" used to be located -- local residents and some not-so-local residents began to get riled.

Ralph Fortier, grandson of Rasmus Hanson, the man who built the cottage and cookhouse on the property, said, "I can't believe he's closed off that walk. It's been there forever."

The "unsightly fence" -- as the neighbors are now calling it -- has not only interrupted the normal residential traffic flow near the lake's edge, but because it's built across the sidewalk, it appears to encourage trespass. As it crosses the sidewalk, it then continues on toward the lake, so that any traffic seeking to connect with the sidewalk on either side must first leave the walk on both sides and cross over a portion of Furst's lawn.

"I have to look at that atrocious thing through my library window, and I just think it's wrong to put it on Lake Margrethe." Also, she agrees, it denies neighbors on both sides of a 90-year old tradition.

Furst, however, puts an entirely different slant on the situation and sees things much differently.

"I've got a big dog (a Rottweiler) and there are several dogs in the neighborhood which run loose. I'd feel very bad if my dog did something to one of them, so I fenced my yard. Now, my Rottsy's very gentle and wouldn't go out of her yard, but when other dogs come into hers -- well, you know what I'm talking about," Furst said.

There was once a dining hall built by Rasmus Hanson on Furst's property.



TROUBLE FENCE -- Joe Porter, president of the Lake Margrethe Property Owners Assn., stands at the Furst property line where a new chain link fence has cut off sidewalks and created a stir among lake residents. Photo by Shirley Schmoock.

"But people don't neighbor much anymore, and I had it torn down when I bought the property. When I put up the fence though," Furst said, "I didn't intend to cut anyone off. But, as I've said, I worry with kids and dogs going by that something will happen and I'll get sued."

Furst said also that "there is a

sprinkling system on the property. Portions of it unfortunately, are also on the lake side of the walkway. The fence," he continued, "could have been on the other side, but I was shortsighted, and it'd be very difficult to put it (the fence) there now."

Lake Margrethe Property Owner's Association president, Joe Porter, feels that "Grayling Township and the township board should be made aware of this closing and treat it in the same manner as they are handling other road end issues at Lake Margrethe."

Grayling Township Supervisor, Terry Wright, however, disagreed. He said he remembered playing with the Stancil kids in the summer and using the walkway, but he does not believe the township should be involved in the matter. "Mr. Furst's attorney has told him that he has a legal right to fence his property. Perhaps, the neighbors should go speak with him about the fence if they're concerned. He's a very nice gentleman," Wright said.

Fish Hatchery vandalized; declared state historic site

by Shirley D. Schmoock
Special Writer

No sooner had Pat Merrill, Crawford County's environmental officer, announced he had good news about the old Grayling Fish Hatchery building, when Commissioner Dennis Long of Grayling, put a damper on his news. It was the final Board of Commissioner's meeting for the 1997 year, and what a year it's been.

Long, who is also a City of Grayling police officer, reported that three young boys -- 10 and 11 years of age -- broke into the hatchery complex of buildings over the weekend, and with what he called "apparent ease."

"They simply pried the hasp off the door," he stated. "I believe we need to take some definitive action to secure those buildings, and we need to do it right away. One of them contained chemicals, and the boys attempted to inhale them. Fortunately, the chemicals were animal antibiotics and they suffered no ill effects."

The Fish Hatchery's main building is a multi-storied frame building built at the turn of the century. After its initial use as a hatchery house and laboratory, it was later occupied by the Michigan DNR as office space. When the DNR vacated the premises, the building began to fall into disrepair. The windows have been broken out on several occasions, and because the building is vacant -- it's a ready target for vandalism and blight.

The County Building and Zoning

HOMETOWN NEWS

Tom and Gale Tuck, of Grayling, announce the arrival of Logan Thomas Tuck born on Dec. 18, 1997 at Ostego Memorial Hospital, Gaylord. Logan was 8 lbs. 10 3/4 ozs. Logan is the new little brother to sisters, Dani, Kara, and brother, Bryce.

Kirk M. Annis, son of Robert and Jan Annis of Grayling, graduated from Grand Valley State University on Dec. 6, 1997. Kirk received a BS degree in Biology, emphasizing Aquatics and Fisheries Biology. Kirk will remain in the Grand Rapids area until further notice. Friends and relatives may contact him at 248 Grove St., Cooperville, MI 49404.

Department has pronounced it "basically sound," but agrees that it needs some work. "It needs some major attention soon if the building is to be salvaged for yet another lifetime of use," said Joe Duran, director of the department.

Commissioner Bob Smock said he was particularly worried "about this goosy pool behind the building. It's full of God only knows what."

Long knew right where it was and said "they removed the fire extinguishers from the large building and tried to break through the ice with them."

In the recent past, young men from Shawano Center were asked to remove debris and rubbish from the ground and from the building.

"They did what they were asked to do," said Chuck Amman, Director of the program, "but they were a little reluctant to carry away the dead animals. They bagged those very carefully."

It is unclear how many buildings are the responsibility of Crawford County. Two smaller cement block buildings are on site, and one of them has a decayed roof and is open to weather. Other buildings also lie

to the north of the main building and are used by Mercy Hospital for storage. These too have been found open and unattended recently.

"I believe it's time we highlighted the danger these buildings are posing, and either have them secured or removed. The Building Authority needs to take the lead here, and report back to us as soon as possible."

Commissioner Kathy Black said that "deeding the buildings back to the state might be an option. That would get the county out from under the liability, and as long as the use is restricted to recreational use only, perhaps we could get those restrictions lifted," Long said.

A motion was made to identify the buildings owned by the county, to secure them all as quickly as possible, and to remove what Long called "the attractive nuisance" from the property.

"The good news, and there is some," said Merrill, "is that I've spoken with the Historic Site Division and the building should be eligible as a State Historic Site and possibly may qualify as a Federal Historic Site."

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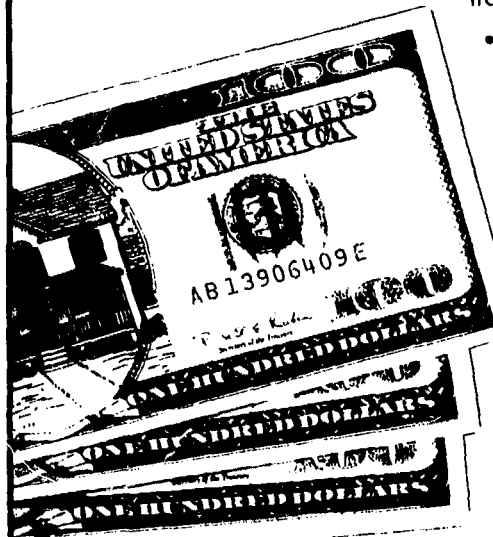
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ALMANACK

by Richard Milliman

What's right with America

(Editor's note: The following Almanack column first appeared several years ago as a New Year's offering. It seems as timely today as it did then, and bears re-reading)

As we end one year and begin another, a standard American practice is to take stock of what we are, where we are, and where we might be going.

It's sort of a soul-searching version of the old New Year's Resolution bit.

A few years ago, the Chamber of Commerce of the United States came up with a promotion centered on the theme of "What's right with America." As we close down an old year, and brace to take on a new one, review might be in order.

For example, when we consider what's right with our country, consider these factors:

- We have the greatest amount of freedom for the individual of any country in the world. Freedom of

choice. Of religion. Of thought. Of speech.

- We have a system of public education, higher learning, and continuing adult study offering rich intellectual fulfillment to all who accept its opportunities.

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- We have a highly productive and fertile soil and a skilled, motivated, splendidly equipped agricultural community.

- We have a surplus of moral energy and courage. We're a better country for it.

Item: Fifty-six men signed the Declaration of Independence. Five were captured or imprisoned in the war that followed. Nine died of wounds or hardships. Twelve lost their homes. Seventeen lost everything they owned. Every last one of them was hunted. Most were driven into hiding. They were offered immunity, rewards, the return of

their property or freedom of the loved ones to desert the cause. Not one did. Not one broke that pledge.

- We have a willingness to experiment with different forms of social, economic and political organization — keeping what works and disregarding what doesn't.

- We have, above all, a will to improve, to achieve, to share, to accept the responsibilities of leadership, to be neighborly and to become something more tomorrow than we are today.

- We have the freedom of our communications media to encourage the development and expression of informed opinion. And a growing concern for personal, governmental and commercial ethics and behavior.

- We have health facilities and a medical delivery system of exceptional quality.

- We have a great wealth of investment capital, much of it waiting encouragement to be used in the development of jobs and productivity.

- We have extraordinary technical and scientific talent, constantly working to improve our living standards and expand our knowledge of ourselves, our world and the universe.

The Chamber points from a couple of years back are just as valid today as then.

When we look into the future, toward the towering problems and challenges that face our nation, our community, our families, ourselves, it is encouraging to take a look at what's right, instead of automatically concentrating on what's wrong.

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

REPORT FROM LANSING

by Christine MacDonald, Capital News Service

Computer teacher training needed

While there's more money available to equip classrooms with the latest technology, educators say teachers aren't adequately trained to use it in their classrooms.

Michigan ranked 44th in teacher technology training, according to a study released last summer by the group that administers the Scholastic Aptitude Test, the Educational Testing Service in

Princeton, NJ.

"Everybody is giving money to the school districts to buy new computers," said Joseph Codde, coordinator of the education technology program in Michigan State University's College of Education. "But not enough has been spent on training teachers to use the technology."

"Everybody" includes the federal

Universal Service Fund and other government grants designed to provide schools access to technology.

Bob Geier, assistant director of policy for the Michigan Association of School Boards, said it's easier for schools to spend money on computer hardware than on teacher training.

"Districts are finding it challenging to recruit teachers in technology

areas," Geier said. "If teachers are using technology in the classroom they need the training. It's never going to work if Joe-seventh-grader can erase all the files on a computer and the teacher can't recover them."

Codde agreed. "Teachers have to play catch-up in some areas. In many cases the students know more about these technologies than the teachers."

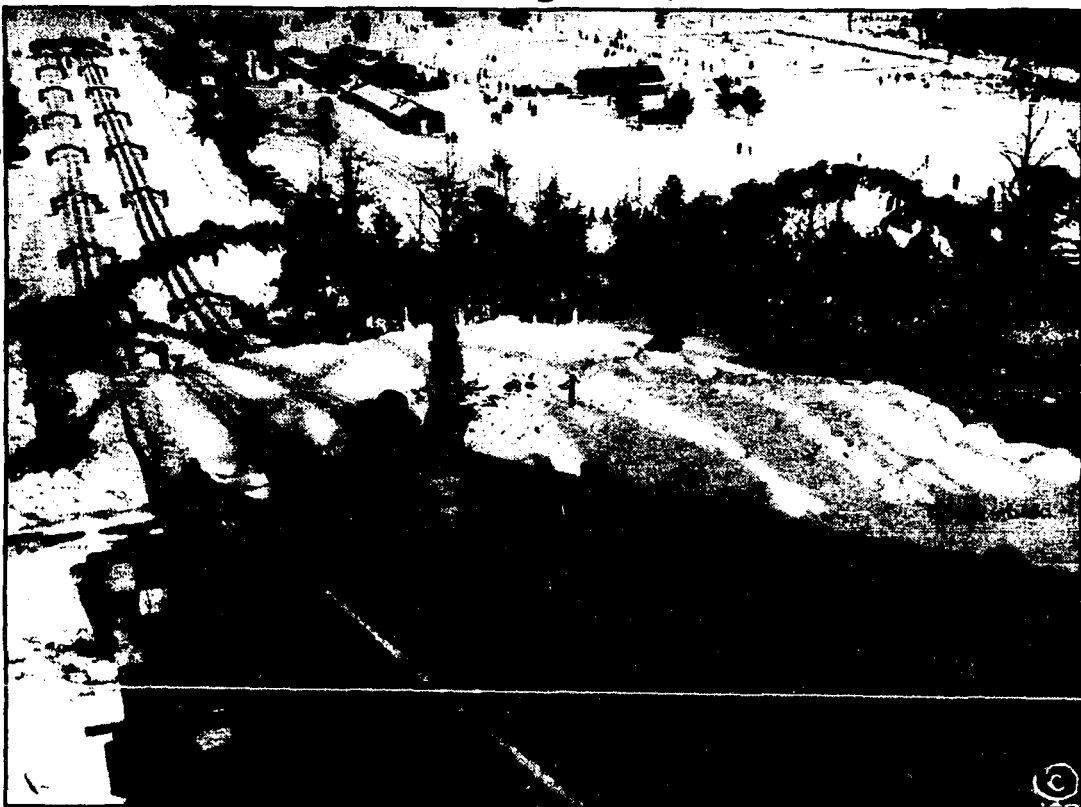
To become a certified teacher in Michigan, candidates must have some technology training.

MSU has taken a role in teaching technology to both new teachers and those already in the classroom.

Codde works with an MSU program that offers computer technology classes to teachers using the World Wide Web and adapting technologies for use in the curriculum. MSU offers classes on campus and takes them to school districts by opening up shop in cities such as Webberville, Grand Rapids and Traverse City.

Connie Marks, Webberville Elementary School's principal uses the classes to learn more about the Web and software applications such as PowerPoint and Excel. "It's like being put on a space ship. It's been wonderful."

Historically Speaking



DOWN THE HILL -- This toboggan slide once was a huge attraction for winter fun seekers in the Grayling area. The old Bear Mountain recreation area -- now known as Hanson Hills -- is seen at bottom of the slide. Photo courtesy of the Crawford County Museum. The *Avalanche* invites readers to submit their own historical photos for enjoyment of readers. The photos will not be damaged, and will be returned.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The opinions expressed in the letters and columns on this page are solely those of the writer and do not reflect the views of the Crawford County Avalanche.

Your views are welcome on the Opinion Page. Letters may be typed or handwritten, but please double-space or use every other line.

Every letter must be signed and an address and phone number should be included. Letters will not be published without the author's name.

Letters are limited to 500 words. All letters are subject to editing and will be printed as space allows.

Malice toward one

I am proud to have had my brother serve his local community for over 15 years as a Grayling Township Trustee and as a County Commissioner. Bob McLachlan gave not only his precious time and personal effort in making our community a better place to live, but he also sacrificed his name, reputation, and probably years of his life due to media malice, lies by government officials, deceit, distortion of facts, animosity and hate of a few negative citizen groups led by Mr. Callewert, the one Bob defeated to be Chairman of the County Commissioners. We can all remember examples of how the media can destroy one so rapidly when "reporting" on innuendoes, when in reality they are or may be innocent.

Just for the record, since Bob was diagnosed with cancer in late 1991, several months after the sale of the landfill, I strongly encouraged him to consider selling his refuse business. With all the changes in environmental laws, big time refuse operators wanting to expand in the north (either by forcing you out of business or buying you out), and especially his health condition, I felt he should sell to the company that he felt was reputable and fair. After looking at several offers, we structured an arrangement that included a standard five-year noncompete contract and a three year consulting agreement which was sound tax advice for both Bob and the buyer. In real practice and in all actuality Bob was out of the business and was to receive fixed and determined payments for a five-year period without performing any service or under any obligation to perform.

Bob's situation is very similar to someone receiving a fixed pension payment from a bank, hospital, local school district, or government unit and then saying they are in conflict if they ever served on the board of a company or held any government position that did business with the bank, school, the only local hospital or other nonprofit organizations. No "retired" person from our own community could ever serve on the local school boards or local government if Mr. Huss's conflict of interest interpretation was carried to the extreme of his ridiculous ruling.

I was very pleased to see that Mr. Huss was overruled by an intelligent, independent judge. Why this false charge of conflict of interest was even commenced and then dragged on for so long is beyond my comprehension. Mr. Huss got trapped as a prosecutor trying to please a small group of so called "interest citizens," who are disgruntled, disruptive citizens who really don't care about the community, but care only about themselves. There is so much unreported conflict that exists in our local government and our newspaper today and in the past, especially with Mr. Muss, Mr. Smock, Mr. Wright, and *The Avalanche*.

In fact it was interesting to note and observe that Mr. Huss released his timely information just before the election last year (and just before *The Avalanche* could report the faulty, malicious, County employee claim) advising the county that the investigation by the FBI found no fault or guilt against Bob McLachlan when this actual result was known by the prosecutor way before the election of 1996. Mr. Huss did not want to admit he was dead wrong on that special investigation before his own election, and also, it may help sway the vote of the people who then felt Bob should not be re-elected.

Yes, I only made Grayling our permanent residence since I retired as a CPA from Ernst & Young LLP in late 1996, but I have been in the area as a taxpayer since 1974. I have observed our government in action, the malicious attitude of a few "concerned" citizens who get the publicity, and I have read the many stories about Bob and his so called conflict of interest. If our elected officials are treated the way Bob McLachlan was, who would really care to risk their reputation to serve this community? I applaud those who are serving and hope we can build a unified community for the betterment of us all.

Again, I was proud of Bob's service to our community over the years... but I am even prouder of his ability to live... really live... in spite of all the adversity he has endured with his health and his reputation.

Herbert W. McLachlan,
Grayling



The Avalanche will be closed Thursday, Jan. 1, in observance of the New Year's Day, and reopen at 9 am Friday, Jan. 2.

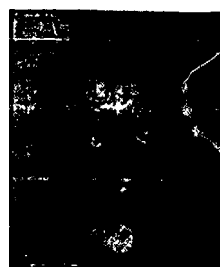
Betty asks...

Question of the week:

Are you going to make a New Year Resolution?



Jeff Anderson
Grayling, MI
"No, I always break them."



Susan McCurdy
Grayling, MI
"Yes, lose weight by the time my daughter gets married."



Scott Longendyke
Grayling, MI
"Yes, to make more money and live a healthier life style."

There you have it...My New Years Resolution is to help my husband with his New Year Resolution.

Betty Pearl
Advertising Representative
Crawford County Avalanche

This week's question was asked Friday in the Grayling area

BRIEFS

Kirtland Garden Club meeting set

If you do not have anything to do after the holidays are over come to the January meeting of the Kirtland Garden Club. Four of our members will be sharing information about one of their favorite plants. The meeting will be Jan. 19, 1998 at 1 p.m. at the Congregational Church, Roscommon. Reservations are due by Jan. 14, 1998; call Barb at (517) 275-5832 or Jean at (517) 366-5169.

Holiday Jeopardy Contest results

Students of Grayling High School were invited to enter a "Holiday Jeopardy Contest" during the month of December. Each day, a question regarding the holidays would be given, which required research in the high school's media center.

The daily winner's were: Richard Rawlings, Amy Godlewski, Dana Ashton, Danelle Canfield, Travis Potter, Becky Baumgardner, Chuck Armstrong, Misty Medeiros, Derek Quick, Maire Montagne, and Colleen Dale.

The grand prize winner was Chuck Armstrong, winning a \$15 gift certificate to Pizza Hut.

Fruit Available at SDA school

Navel oranges, tangeloes, and pink grapefruit are available in January from Grayling SDA School. The fruit will be freshly picked from Florida's Indian River region. Customer satisfaction is guaranteed. Order by Jan. 8, and pick up your fruit on Jan. 19. Place orders at 348-4845, 348-5826 or e-mail citrusfruit@juno.com.

CPR Class offered in Frederic

The Frederic Township Fire Department will be hosting a CPR class on Sunday, Jan. 4, 1998 at 10 a.m. The class will be held at the Frederic Fire Department and will be open to the public. The class will contain adult, child, and infant CPR and the cost is \$25 which will include all associated fees. Certification will be valid for two years. Pre-registration is required by calling the Frederic Fire Department at (517) 348-8190.

Community Blood Drive set

Crawford County American Red Cross Community Blood Drive is set for Jan. 7, 1998 from noon to 5:45 p.m., at the American Legion, Grayling.

Retirement Party at American Legion

Retirement Party for Willard and Phyllis Pfaff Sunday, noon to 4 p.m. at the American Legion Hall. Past customers, friends and family welcome.

Burning Bush Tabernacle service Dec 31

Burning Bush tabernacle will be having their first watch night service New Year's Eve, Dec. 31 from 8 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.

Ministry, baptisms, prayer, communion, food and fellowship will all be a part of the welcoming of the New Year.

The public is welcome and encouraged to attend.

KCC registration Jan.14-16

Kirtland Community College will hold its regular open registration for the Winter Semester for both new and returning students Wednesday and Thursday, Jan. 14 and 15, from 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. each day, and on Friday, Jan. 16 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Classes begin on Friday, Jan. 16.

Cary Vajda, Dean of Student Services, says persons who wish to enroll at KCC, but who have not yet made an application, should do so immediately, especially if they will be applying for financial aid.

"They can contact Student Services at the college at (517) 275-5121 ext. 284 and we can send them an application and a Winter Schedule of classes so they can prepare for registration."

The Winter Schedule includes, among other items: a college calendar; a campus directory and maps; a schedule of all classes being offered

including telecourses and on-line Internet courses; list of faculty advisors; public safety services; student rights and responsibilities; and, most importantly, enrollment information, including procedures for applying for admission, registering, taking a placement test, tutoring services, paying tuition and fee costs, scholarships receiving financial assistance and much more.

The college will be closed during the holidays from Wednesday, Dec. 24, 1997 through Monday, Jan. 5, 1998 so prospective students are encouraged to contact the Student Services office as soon as possible.

Vajda also said that for persons with a personal computer and access to the Internet, a copy of the Winter Schedule and other information about the College can also be found on the Kirtland's WebPage at <http://www.kirtland.cc.mi.us>

HOMETOWN NEWS

Del Sheldon, 62, of Grayling received his private Pilot Licences on Dec. 21, 1997. He enrolled in Ground School at Kirtland Community College back in January for 16 weeks and received an 88 percent on his written exam. Then he joined Nick and Sandy Chaffe's North Country Aviation for his flight training with flight instructor Rod Pentony.

On Christmas Eve at the Ann Hamlin home were Richard and Margie Smith; Curt and Robyn Utterboch and boys; Jim and Janice Smith, Mark and Mary Smith and boys; Marc, Tammy and Jordan Smith, all of Mt. Pleasant; Scott and Shelly Hamlin and their four boys of Lake; Dean and Lori Smith and girls; Paul and Beth Hamlin and family; Berta Sawyer; Bob and Evie Stephan and Heather Smith of Sterling Heights. The evening was complete with the arrival of Santa Claus.

Matt Cragg is home for Christmas week to visit his parents Jon and Jan, sister Jackie Prosser and family and brother Jeff. Matt lives in Hillard, Ohio.

Correction

Burning Bush Tabernacle welcomed a guest Minister on the weekend of Dec. 20. They did not receive a new minister as it may have appeared in the Briefs for Dec. 24.

RANGE FIRING

Range firing will be conducted at Camp Grayling during the period of Jan. 1, 1998 through Jan. 7.

The Range 40 Complex, Air to Ground, located north of County Road 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Road 618, and west of County Road F97 (Twin Bridge Road). For further information, call (517) 348-3603 or 1-800-628-5820.



HANSON HILLS TO PURCHASE TRACTOR -- L to R: Cindy Olson, director of Grayling Recreation Authority accepts a check from Scott Hanson of the Grayling Youth Booster Club. The money will be used to purchase a tractor to maintain the ice rink at Hanson Hill Winter Sports Park.

Farm Folk planning 1998 park season

At their January meeting, the Wellington Farm Folk will begin making plans for the operation of Wellington Farm Park for the 1998 summer tourist season.

The group will be meeting at the Lone Pine Restaurant in Grayling on Jan. 6. Dinner is at 6 p.m. and the meeting will begin at 7 p.m. The public is invited to attend. Those desiring to attend the dinner portion of the evening are asked to call park offices at 348-5187 and make reservations.

The primary topics for the business meeting following dinner will be forming of committees to assist in the operation of Wellington Farm Park, and the annual "state-of-the-park" by park manager Howard Taylor. In his report, Taylor will discuss the accomplishments of the past season and

provide an indication of what can be expected for the future.

The Wellington Farm Folk is an organization of volunteers who assist in the planning and the day-to-day operation of Wellington Farm Park, a living history museum located in southwestern Crawford County near Grayling and Higgins Lake.

The group meets monthly to plan park operations and to plan fund raising activities which will aid in the expansion of the park in the future.

In 1997, the group raised enough money to construct a permanent concession stand in the park.

In addition, members of the group also assisted in the construction of the new chicken coop and the first of a series of Native American structures.

Land Conservancy meeting set in Mio

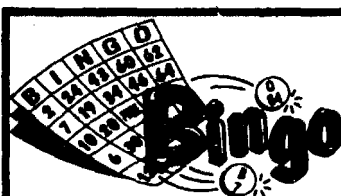
Next meeting of the Head Waters Land Conservancy will be Jan. 8 at 7 p.m. at the Courthouse Annex in Mio.

A land conservancy is a private organization that helps landowners in long-term stewardship of their land.

The Head Waters Land Conservancy is a locally based, non-profit group established in 1993, active in 11 counties of northeastern lower Michigan.

CLASSIFIEDS

348-6811



Wednesday - 11 am

Grayling Eagles Auxiliary #3465
Eagles Club, 602 Huron
Grayling

Wednesday - 6:30 pm

Knights of Columbus
K of C Hall, 604 Norway
Grayling

Thursday - 7 pm

American Legion Hall
Post 106 Grayling

Friday - 6:30 pm

Grayling Eagles Aerie #3465
Eagles Club, 602 Huron
Grayling

Saturday - 6:30 pm

Frederic Volunteer Fire Department
Frederic Township Hall

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DAVENPORT COLLEGE

Gaylord Center

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CODE	CLASS	DAY
ACC 301	Intermediate Accounting I	Monday
MTH 302	Statistics I	Monday
MTH336	College Algebra	Monday
ACC325	Budgeting	Tuesday
FIN340	Corporate Finance	Tuesday
MGT348	Credits and Collections	Tuesday
MKT301	Principles of Marketing	Tuesday
ACC202	Principles of Accounting II	Wednesday
ACC342	Michigan Taxation (2.25)	Wednesday
CIS 151	Spreadsheets (2.25) begins 2/18	Wednesday
COM212	Speech	Wednesday
MGT306	Human Resource Mgt.	Wednesday
ACC402	Advanced Accounting II	Thursday
COM122	College Writing II	Thursday
ECO201	Macroeconomics	Thursday
MGT345	Purchasing & Materials Mgt.	Thursday

All classes are held at Gaylord High School from 6:00 - 9:25 pm

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Community Calendar

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Submit your public events to the Crawford County Avalanche

348-6811

Deadline: Thursday noon

JANUARY 1998 Happy New Year!

THURS 1	•HAPPY NEW YEAR! •SCHOOLS, Commission on Aging, county, city and township offices close for New Years Day.
FRI 2	•SCHOOL CLOSED for winter vacation.
SAT 3	•VAR & JV BBB vs. Roscommon, home, (time TBA)
SUN 4	•ATTEND THE CHURCH of your choice today.
MON 5	•KIWANIS CLUB meeting @ Iron Gate Restaurant, 12 noon. •SCHOOL RESUMES. •ACT REGISTRATION DEADLINE for February 7 test. •MS BBB vs. Tawas, 7th away, 8th home •FRESH BBB vs. Tawas, home, 6 pm. •JV VOLLEYBALL @ Tawas, 6 pm. •AP/GE Parents Group Meeting @ GE conference room, 6:30 pm..
TUES 6	•MS BBB vs. Whittemore Prescott, 7th home, 8th away, 6 pm. •VAR WRESTLING vs. Roscommon, home, 6 pm. •VAR & JV BBB vs. Pinconning, home, 6:15 pm. •GPA MEETING @ Iron Gate Restaurant, 12 noon. •AUSABLE RIVER CANOE MARATHON joint meeting @ Mio AuSable Restaurant, 7 pm. •ADHD PARENTS' support group meeting @ 615 S. Elm, Gaylord, 7 pm. Call (517) 732-3529 for more information.
WED 7	•ROTARY MEETING @ Patti's Towne House, 12 noon. •WEIGHT WATCHER'S meeting @ St. Francis Episcopal Church, M-72 West; weigh-in 4:45 pm; meeting, 5:30 pm. For more information call Mary, 348-5306. •LIONS CLUB meeting @ Breaker's Steak House, 6:30 pm. •JV VOLLEYBALL vs. Pinconning, home, 6 pm. •VAR VOLLEYBALL vs Pinconning & Standish Sterling @ Standish Sterling, 6 pm. •AMERICAN RED CROSS blood drive @ American Legion Hall, 12 noon to 6 pm.

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The Bible Speaks Peace On Earth?

From the Calvary
Baptist Church

While browsing the web on Christmas day, I read a disturbing front page story in the BBC News. As you know, Mohammed Khatami was elected president of Iran in May of 1997 and has since been offering peaceful overtures to the United States. But the supreme religious leader of Iran is bitterly opposed to such action. The following quotes cut from the BBC article help tell the story: "The Iranian Supreme Leader, Ayatollah Khamenei, has made a fierce attack on the United States saying its government and media are dominated by Zionists.... Ayatollah Khamenei said the United States government and Congress were - in his words - under the spell of Zionists and he accused the international media of trying to create discord and division in Iran. It follows a call by the Iranian President earlier this month for dialogue with the American people - seen as the strongest gesture of reconciliation since the Islamic Revolution of 1979." The Supreme Leader's comments appear to be an attempt to show that it's he not the President who'll call the shots on Iran's relations with the United States." Is future religious war inevitable? Will the winner be a

leader of Jihad or Armageddon?

It is interesting that on Christmas day in America when we put the greatest emphasis upon peace on earth and good will toward men, we come under a bitter attack from the Ayatollah Khamenei of Iran. In the arena of world religions, Judaism and Christianity stand opposed by all. Since the day Jesus Christ was born as a Jew, he has been rejected by the majority. At His birth there was no room for Mary, Joseph and the baby Jesus in the inn. King Herod ordered the execution of all babies under 2 years of age in Bethlehem in the first attempt to kill Jesus Christ. His parents were forced to flee to Egypt temporarily to save His life. The religious leaders of Israel did everything they could to discredit Him and kill Him. Finally, after one of His own disciples, Judas, betrayed Him for 30 pieces of silver, they crucified Him between two thieves. When Pilate tried to save His life by offering to set Him free and to crucify Barabbas in His place, the crowd chose the robber Barabbas to live and Christ to die.

Our Bible was written mostly by Jews. Jesus Christ claimed to fulfill the Messianic prophecies of Judaism.

It is no mystery then why Israel and the United States of America are the two most envied and hated nations on earth. Both are hated for their religious roots of origin, Israel for being a Jewish nation and America for beginning as a Christian nation. But, Jesus is coming back again to rule and to reign upon the earth. (Matthew 24:30) "And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory." (Zechariah 14:16) "And it shall come to pass, that ever, one that is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall even go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to keep the feast of tabernacles." Religious hatred and conflict will end when Jesus Christ returns as "KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS." (Revelation 19:16)

Pastor "B"

Please pray for the ministry, of our church Websites at:
<http://freeway.net/~cba/> and at
<http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Ranch/1263/>

Hospice of Michigan's Memorial Tree

Hospice of Michigan has been busy in December preparing for the holiday season. On Monday, hospice teen volunteers from Roscommon helped to set up the tree located in Impact Office Supply window of downtown Roscommon for their annual Christmas Memorial Tree.

"It was fun to help out hospice again this year and decorate the memorial tree," said one hospice teen volunteer.

On Wednesday, Dec. 3, family, friends, community members and hospice volunteers gathered at Impact Office for an open house. This gave the community the chance to place their ornament in memory or honor of a loved one on the memorial tree. "Family mem-

bers were asked to bring an ornament that represented their loved one's life activity or interests," said Cindy Witkowski, Bereavement/Volunteer Manager for hospice.

The memorial tree is available for community members in the Roscommon and surrounding ser-

vice areas. The tree will remain at the Impact Office until after the New Year. For more information about the Memorial Tree or how you can make a donation to Hospice of Michigan please call 1-800-449-5560.



MEMORIAL TREE — From left to right: Megan Zeneberg, Justin Remsing, Samantha Mozalierz, Dawn Sikarski, and Melanie Shingledecker.

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Church Directory



Ring Out
The Old Year

The old year wanes. The last sands trickle down the hourglass as the old man totters into irrevocable past and a lusty infant year begins.

Bells ring in church steeples, confetti rains, horns blow. People sing and shout and maybe shed a tear. Cries of "Happy New Year" fill the ears and fall on happy hearts, or sad.

To some, the old year brought joy and happiness. To others it held sadness and despair. Thus, men greet the new year differently; some with mockery, some with resolution, still others with a smile.

Whatever your feelings about the year ahead, there is one way to be sure of its promise. God is the source of all goodness. Make Him and His house a part of your life and you will find the strength and inspiration to make each day prosperous.

The sum of our days shapes the year.

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Sunday
John
4:1-42

Monday
John
4:43-54

Tuesday
John
16:16-24

Wednesday
John
16:25-33

Thursday
Luke
2:21-40

Friday
Luke
2:41-52

Saturday
Hebrews
1:1-14

Christian Science Society
209 First St. - Suite 103 - Gaylord
Sunday Service 10:30 am
April through October
2nd Wednesday 8 pm

**Michelson Memorial United
Methodist Church**
Pastor J. Douglas Paterson
400 Michigan Ave. • 348-2974
(temporarily held at AuSable Primary)
Sunday Worship 10 am
Sunday School 11:15 am
Coffee Fellowship 12 noon
Bible Study (Wed.) 10 am

Seventh Day Adventist
Pastor David Stramel
Phone 348-4445
Services held Saturday at Camp AuSable off
M-72 East (1st building on right inside camp
entrance).
Church Service 9:30 am
Sabbath School 10:30 am
Prayer Meeting Tues 7 pm

Burning Bush Tabernacle
Pastor Patricia Petrie, 348-1278
501 E. Michigan Ave., Grayling
Sunday School 10 am
Sunday Service & Children's Church 11 am
Sunday Evening Service 6 pm
Monday Prayer Meeting 7 pm
Wednesday Bible Study 7 pm
Thursday Discipleship Class 7 pm

Grayling Assembly of God
Rev. Ron Voelker, Pastor
701 S. I-75 Business Loop
Church 348-8885 • Parsonage 348-2588
Sunday School 9:30 am
Morning Worship 10:30 am
Evening Service 6 pm
Wednesday - Family Night
Adult-Youth-Children 7 pm

**The Church of Jesus Christ
of Latter Day Saints**
President Larry A. Cook
600 North Elm Street, Gaylord
Sacrament 10 am
Sunday School 11 am
Primary 11 am
Priesthood 12 noon
Relief Society 12 noon

Heritage Baptist
Pastor Ernie Wagner 348-1411
1841 Hartwick Pines Rd.
1/4 mile west of I-75
Sunday School 9:45 am
Morning Worship 11 am
Evening Worship 6 pm
Wednesday 7 pm

St. John Evangelical Lutheran (ELCA)
Bible School 9:15 am
Adult Bible Study 9:15 am
Sunday Worship 10:30 am
Nursery is available

**Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ
of Latter Day Saints**
Pastor Patricia Fowler
North Down River Rd. at 1030 Glenn Rd
P.O. Box 1188
Church School 9:45 am
Preaching 11 am
Midweek Service Prayer 7 pm

Gaylord Christian Reformed
Rev. V. Schaap
415 Ohio North, Gaylord
Sunday School 9:45 am
Morning Worship 11 am
Evening Service 6 pm
Wednesday Bible Study 7:30 pm

St. Mary's Roman Catholic Community
Robert W. Nally, J.V., Pastor
700-708 Peninsular • 348-7657
Sabbath Eucharist

Saturday Vigil 5 pm
Sunday Mass 8 am
Family Mass 10:30 am
Sunday Family Bible Study/Sharing 9:30 am
Daily Masses
Wednesday & 1st, 3rd & 5th Friday 8:30 am
Daily Worship
Sacrament of Reconciliation, one hour prior
to Saturday Vigil Mass, or by appointment.

First Baptist Church of Frederic
Pastor Dale Hammond
Sunday School 9:45 am
Morning Worship 11 am
Evening Worship 6 pm
Wed. Prayer & Bible Study 7 pm

Calvary Baptist church
Dr. Robert Barnett, Pastor
M-72 West
Sunday School 9:45 am
Morning Worship 10:30 am
Evening Worship 6 pm
Mid-Week Services
Wednesday 7 pm
Prayer & Awana Club (Wed.) 7 pm

Church of Christ
Larry Turner, Minister
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DECEMBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH — Grayling Middle School selected as December Student of the Month based on academic achievements demonstrating good citizenship efforts, manners, dependability, and positive attitude. Front L to R: Patricia Peever, Tony Thomas, Johnna Schultes, Brek Denewett, Jessica Strait, Lisa Adkison and Nicholas Klemish. Middle L to R: Matt Kersey, Gail Hilliker, Sarah Golnick, Ashley Wolcott, Kirkie Meyer, Michelle Elsner, Hayley Boardman, Christina Ly and Janelle Gregorich. Back L to R: James Kenney, Kalub Fedak, Nicole Starr, Tressa Ney, Alex Sendek, Shawn Gabriel, Tony LaChance, Hannah Miller, Michele Pratt and Stephanie Peterson. Not Pictured: Tim DeMoines, Tom Earls, Chris Robbins and Jessica Schwartz.

In Roscommon County

Funds announced for youth programs

The Houghton Lake Educational Foundation announces the establishment of the Houghton Lake Educational Foundation Fund as a donor-advised, field-of-interest component fund of the North Central Michigan Community Foundation (NCMCF). The Foundation's gift of more than \$23,000 will qualify for a 50% matching grant from the Kellogg Foundation, the income from which will be used for youth programs in Roscommon County.

Income from the Houghton Lake Educational Foundation Fund will be applied to the educational needs of Houghton Lake Community Schools and/or their students and faculty. A seven member Advisory Committee, all of whom reside or work in the Houghton Lake Community Schools District, will evaluate and prioritize those needs. Initial members of the Advisory Committee are James R. Deamud (Chairman), Terry Anderson, Robert Hamp, Jr., Samuel P. Marra, Jerre R. Moore, Shelby Norman, and Robert M. Pacella, DDS (who is also a member of the Roscommon County Committee of NCMCF).

In announcing the gift, Houghton Lake Educational Foundation president Deamud stated, "Although we have been an independent Foundation for twelve years, our

Board of Directors recognized two major advantages in joining forces with NCMCF. First, the Kellogg matching grants creates additional endowment funds which will benefit the youth of our county forever. Second, the tax advantages to donors who give money to a Community Foundation are considerable."

"In addition to being deductible on a taxpayer's Federal tax return, an

individual Michigan taxpayer may claim a 50% credit of up to \$100 (for a \$200 donation), and up to \$200 for a married couple (for a \$400 donation) on the State tax return. We hope these tax incentives will motivate area residents to contribute to the fund, thereby enabling both the fund and its income to grow for the benefit of our students and their teacher."

Grayling area host families needed

Foreign high school students are scheduled to arrive soon for academic semester homestays, and the sponsoring organization needs a few more local host families.

According to Pacific Intercultural Exchange (P.I.E.), Executive Director, John Doty, the students are all between the ages of 15 and 18 years, are English-speaking, have their own spending money, carry accident and health insurance and are anxious to share their cultural experiences with their new American families. P.I.E. currently has programs to match almost every family's needs, ranging in length from a semester to a full academic year, where the students attend local high schools.

P.I.E. area representatives match students with host families by finding common interests and lifestyles

through an informal in-home meeting. Prospective host families are able to review student applications and select the perfect match. As there are no "typical" host families, P.I.E. can fit a student into just about any situation, whether it be a single parent, a childless couple, a retired couple or a large family.

Families who host for P.I.E. are also eligible to claim a \$50 per month charitable contribution deduction on their itemized tax returns for each month they host a sponsored student.

For the upcoming programs, P.I.E. has students from Spain, Germany, Poland, Russia, Finland, Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Paraguay, Australia, New Zealand, Yugoslavia, Belgium, China, Ghana and many other countries.

P.I.E. has also been invited to participate in a special government-funded program to bring scholarship students from the Newly Independent States of the former Soviet Union to the United States. P.I.E. is a non-profit educational

Salyers gets merit status

Pat Salyers, Grayling, was honored for outstanding leadership of young people during 1997 as director of the local Modern Woodmen of America Junior Service Club.

Salyers led the group to merit status, an honor given by Modern Woodmen to recognize leaders of youth clubs for top-level performance.

Judging in the merit club contest is based on the quality and quantity of meetings, programs, and community service activities held during the year.

Modern Woodmen of America's youth clubs are organizations for children who are members of Modern Woodmen and are 16 years of age or younger. The leaders are Modern Woodmen adult members. The clubs follow a fraternal youth program which provides children with opportunities to participate in social, civic, educational and fraternal activities.

Modern Woodmen supports more than 800 tiny tot, junior and teen service clubs throughout the United States. During 1997, 498 clubs attained merit club status.

Formed in June of 1997, the North Central Michigan Community Foundation serves the counties of Crawford, Iosco, Ogemaw, Oscoda, and Roscommon. NCMCF is a tax-exempt, publicly-supported philanthropic organization that operates as a permanent collection of endowed funds for the long-term benefit of its member counties and their residents.

organization that has sponsored more than 18,000 students from 40 countries since its founding in 1975.

The organization is designated by the United States Information Agency and is listed by the Council on Standards for International Educational Travel (CSIET), certifying that the organization complies with the standards set forth in CSIET's Standards for International Educational Travel Programs.

Doty encourages families to contact the program immediately, as it will allow the proper time for the students and hosts to get to know one another before they actually meet for the first time.

Grayling area families interested in learning more about student exchange or arranging for a meeting with a community representative may call P.I.E., toll-free, at 1-800-631-1818 or via the Internet at <http://www.pieusa.org>.

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May God richly Bless you ALL! and Happy New Year!

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OBITUARIES

Eugene Smallwood

Eugene Smallwood, 79, beloved husband of June Smallwood, passed away Dec. 12, 1997.

Mr. Smallwood spent many years visiting their Lake Shupac, Lovells property before moving up from Southfield in 1964. Together Eugene and June built a lovely home on the west shore of Shupac where they lived until January 1993. They purchased a new home in Grayling Township in May 1993. Mr. Smallwood devoted many years to building for others on Lake Shupac and surrounding lakes in Grayling.

He is survived by his wife, June; one son, Dennis (Freya) Smallwood; two grandsons: Eden of Calif., and Ivan of Mich.; one daughter, Sharon Champ and two children, all of Ohio; five grandchildren of Ohio; brothers: Marshall, Jr., of Ohio and Crit Smallwood of Ohio; sisters: Ruby Milliron of Ohio, Sydna Watson of Ohio and Lois Messer of Ohio.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Marshall and Dora Smallwood; daughter, Patricia Tranter, sisters: Nina Barger and Nora Lee Moore.

Memorial service and burial will be held at Lovells cemetery in the Spring.

Mary Jane Henry

Mary Jane Henry, 64, of Grayling passed away Wednesday, Dec. 24, 1997 at her residence.

Mrs. Henry was born on June 2, 1933 in Wheeling, W. Vir., to Joseph F. and Flora J. (Minor) Miller.

Mrs. Henry resided the majority of her lifetime in West Virginia. She also had lived for 10 years in Los Angeles, before she came to live in Grayling in 1995 from Tennessee. She was a member of the Abundant Life Tabernacle in Grayling.

She is survived by her husband, Donald E., Sr. of Grayling; four children: Dessie (William) White of Wheeling, W. Vir., Robert (Karen) Myers of Cumberland Furnace, Tenn., Robin (Wilbur) Jones and Donald E., Jr. both of Grayling; two step-children Donald E. Henry, Jr. of Ill. and Lorraine (Michael) Pointer of Wentzville, Mo.; sister, Katherine Bernus of Wheeling, W. Vir.; two brothers: Charles (Helen) Miller of Wheeling, W. Vir., and Frank (Betty) Miller of Proctor, W. Vir.; seven grandchildren, 13 step-grandchildren, 13 step-great-grandchildren, and one step-great-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers: Meredith Johnson and Joseph Miller, sister, Linda Miller, her husband, John Myers, son, Danny Myers, daughter, Elizabeth Myers, step-son, John Myers, and step-daughter, Patricia Timmins.

Funeral services were held Dec. 27, 1997, at 11 a.m. at the Orr Funeral Home in Mio. Burial was held at the Rock Cemetery following services with Pastor Lyle Studer, Jr. officiating.

In Loving Memory of

Ernest L. Larson who passed away Jan. 4, 1997.

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As proud, but yet very humble as an eagle,
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As strong as the greatest oak tree,
so was Grandpa.
As tender and nurturing as a doe is to her fawn,
so was Grandpa.
As a beacon shines from a lighthouse as a guide,
so was Grandpa.
As majestic as the grandest buck in the forest,
so was Grandpa.
As colorful as the rainbow trout,
so was Grandpa.
As caring and protective as a shepherd is to his flock,
so was Grandpa.
As creative with his hands as a carpenter,
so was Grandpa.
As faithful as a dog is to his master,
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by Vickie Hart,
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MILITARY NEWS

Pvt. Kevin R. Annis, son of Robert and Jan Annis of Grayling, has graduated from Basic Training at Fort Jackson, S.C. He has been transferred to Fort Gordon, Geo. and assigned to Company C, 447th Signal Battalion for training. Pvt. Annis will receive 13 weeks of schooling in communications field before being reassigned for completion of his contract with the United States Army. Friends and relatives may contact him at: 2nd Plt., Co. C, 447th Sig Bn, Fort Gordon, GA 30905.



Pvt. Kevin R. Annis

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SPORTS

Varsity Basketball beaten by Kalkaska Blue Blazers



by Dave Golinick
Student Writer

The Grayling Boys' Varsity basketball team was defeated on Tuesday night by the Kalkaska Blue Blazers, the final score being 75-65 Kalkaska.

The first quarter was sluggish, with many missed shots and fouls. The teams showed a great display of passing, but could not convert the excellent passes into points. The score went back and forth, with the teams trading the lead the entire quarter.

The second quarter was a foul-fest, sending many players to the line, but for the most part these foul shots were not converted. The defenses for both teams stepped up and played hard, forcing many turnovers. Most of these turnovers could not be converted, however, because of lazy passes and terrible shots. Going into the locker-room at half-time, Kalkaska led 34-33.

During the third quarter, Kalkaska started to build a huge 11 point lead over Grayling, due to many fast breaks against the Vikings. The

Kalkaska defense forced Grayling to turn the ball over on most possessions, and by manning the court well were able to build a commanding lead. Towards the end of the quarter, however, the Vikings came back, going on a 6 point run until finally being stopped at the end of the quarter. At the end of the third quarter, the score was the Blue Blazers over

Grayling 59-49.

The fourth quarter looked much like the end of the third, with Grayling trying to overcome the 10 point deficit. For a while the Viking come-back looked strong, as Grayling controlled the ball and rebounds for the entire quarter. Grayling was on offense for most of the quarter, with Kalkaska slipping

back into a defensive mind set to call up the clock. The end of the quarter showed promise of a possible Viking victory, but Kalkaska's lead was too much to overcome. The final score was Kalkaska 75, Grayling 65.

The Vikings' next game will be Saturday, Jan. 3, against the Roscommon Bucks on the Vikings home court.



HALF COURT PRESS — The Junior Varsity boys' basketball team executes the half court press against Kalkaska, with Brad Gorski (22) and Dan Hall (12) putting pressure on the ball, while Justin Neuberger (21) attempts to steal the pass.

JV boys' basketball conquers Kalkaska

by Dave Golinick
Student Writer

The Junior Varsity boys' basketball team beat the Kalkaska Blue Blazers in a fast paced scoring frenzy on Tuesday night. The final score was Grayling 68, Kalkaska 61.

During a fast paced first half,

where fast breaks took over the game, Grayling built a small lead during the second quarter. The Kalkaska press kept Grayling on it's heels though, and the score remained tight. Going into halftime the score was 37-36 in favor of Grayling.

Blazers and forced them to turnover the ball on many occasions. The Vikings pulled away with a victory at the end, 68-61.

Team Captain Dave Hawkins had this to say about the game, "The Grayling and Kalkaska rivalry is great, and every game we play against them is always close. The competition is always fierce, making the games fun to play in. I am very pleased at the way our team played and picked up the intensity to carry us on to victory."

The next Junior Varsity boys' basketball game will be Saturday, Jan. 3 at home against Roscommon.

JV Volleyball falls to Gladwin

by Dave Golinick
Student Writer

The Junior Varsity girls' volleyball team lost a close match against the Gladwin Flying G's on Dec. 7, forcing the match into a fifth game before succumbing to the 7-15 attack.

In the first game, the Vikings showed their ability to set up other players, and by playing unselfishly were able to build a considerable lead halfway through the game. But Grayling slipped at the end of the game, and ended up losing on a few long volleys, 15-13.

The second game featured more great volleys between the teams, along with a lot of great saves by both sides players to keep their respective team in the game. Another late Gladwin rally was too much for the Vikings, however, who fell 15-10.

During the third game, Grayling knew it had to win three games in a row to win the match, and their determination showed. Gladwin never had a chance as the Vikings smashed them 15-5.

Then the fourth game, another long round of volleys wore out both sides, but the Viking built a considerable lead towards the end of the game. A Gladwin comeback at the end made the score close, but a series of good serves by the Vikings gave them the 15-13 win.

The fifth and final game of the series was a closely fought war of attrition. Neither side gave up a string of points, and it was back and

forth the entire game. The Vikings started to build a lead, but let it slip away at the end of the game. A late Gladwin run won the game and the match for the Flying G's, the final score being 15-12.

Brandy Ritter, a member of the squad, had this to say about the season in perspective, "When we first started out, we were just learning how to play volleyball. Now that we are improving with every practice, our goal is to win at least the next three games. Since this is the first year for most of us, we have not developed the skills necessary to be a winning team yet, but I think next year we can expect to win a lot of games."

The next Junior Varsity volleyball match will be on Jan. 3 against Tawas Braves at Tawas.

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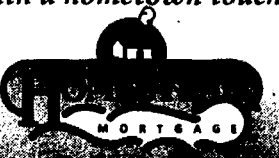
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The Grinch started off the morning by passing out bags of coal to the older youth bowlers. Then, when the laughter was over, he passed out gifts to everyone.

Above photos show The Grinch in his generous mood sharing gifts with various youth bowlers. Photos supplied by Ron Carl.

FOOTNOTES FROM THE HILLS

Grayling Recreation Authority News

By Cindy Olson

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Fri. 12th	Rosc. at Houghton Lake** Grayling at West Branch Arenac Eastern at Mio	Tues. 20th	Posen at Mio** S.V. Lutheran at Grayling	Tues. 24th	Grayling at Gaylord** Meridian at Houghton Lk. Roscommon at Coleman Mio at Whittemore-Prescott	Fri. 27th	Houghton Lk. at Harrison** Roscommon at Clare Hillman at Mio
Tues. 16th	Gladwin at Grayling** Coleman at Houghton Lake Harrison at Roscommon Mio at Posen	Fri. 23rd	Harrison at Houghton Lk.** Clare at Roscommon Mio at Arenac Eastern	Fri. 30th	Grayling at Gladwin** Clare at Houghton Lake Roscommon at Meridian AuGres at Mio		
Fri. 19th	Beaverton at Roscommon** Grayling at Tawas Farwell at Houghton Lake Mio at AuGres	Tues. 27th	Roscommon at Gaylord** West Branch at Grayling Mio at Lincoln Alcona				
Mon. 22	Grayling at Kalkaska**	Tues. 30th	Grayling at Gladwin** Clare at Houghton Lake Roscommon at Meridian AuGres at Mio				
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Action League

J.C.'s 1st Strikers.....	3-1
Phantoms.....	3-1
Men in Black.....	2-2
Lethal Weapons.....	2-2
Kung Fu Mania.....	2-2
Natural Born Killers.....	2-2
Women in Black.....	1-3
Strike 2 Judgments.....	1-3
High Game: Male: D.J. Canfield, 199;	
Female: N. Strohpaal, 180.	
High Series: Male: D.J. Canfield,	
477; Female: C. Romain, 457.	
Most Pins over Average: Male: D.J.	
Canfield, 62; Female: N. Strohpaal,	
37.	
Most Pins over Series: Male: G.	
Cousins, 70; Female: C. Romain, D.	
Harris, 58.	

Triangle League

Milltown Carpet.....	8-4
Barber Construction.....	7-5
Moshier Auto.....	7-5
A Team.....	6-6
Airway Automation.....	6-6
Jackson Trio.....	5-7
Cal Schreiber Bldr.....	5-7
C.S.I.....	4-8
High Game: T. Everly, 290; A.	
Angove, 237; R. Schreiber, 226.	
High Series: A. Angove, 612; T.	
Everly, 570; G. Miller, 527.	

Northwood League

Millikin's.....	4
Rich's Cycle Service.....	4
Helsel Brothers.....	4
R & M Masonary.....	2
Wakeley's Auto Parts.....	2
Milltown Carpet.....	0
R. Calkins & Sons.....	0
Rochette's.....	0
High Game: W. Sheldon, 211; S.	
France, 193; P. D'Amour, 192.	
High Series: P. D'Amour, 538; W.	
Sheldon, 528; L. Holtcamp, 508.	

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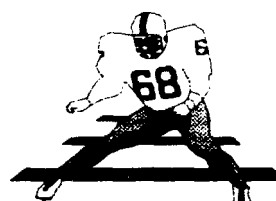
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Football Contest

Jon Thompson was the winner of week #18, with 54 out of a possible 63 points. Joe Thompson and Alf Svensen also had 54 points, but Jon's tiebreaker pick of 34 was closer to the actual score of 30, than either of the others. Tom St. Germain followed with 52, and Tony Thomson had 51 correct. We also had one person with a total score of 9. Oops! In last week's overall leaders, Joan Thompson was "loaned" an early Christmas present. The Avalanche mistakenly gave her an extra 100 points, putting her in first place, however, they have been removed and she is back where she belongs. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused to anyone. We will announce the overall leader in next week's Avalanche, to allow us time to make sure that everything is added correctly.

Last week's winners:

1. Tampa Bay (5 pts.)	7. Arizona (5 pts.)	13. Yes (5 pts.)
2. Minnesota (2 pts.)	8. LSU (2 pts.)	14. New England (2 pts.)
3. Denver (5 pts.)	9. Tampa Bay (5 pts.)	15. Mississippi (5 pts.)
4. New England (2 pts.)	10. No (2 pts.)	16. Southern (2 pts.)
5. Mississippi (5 pts.)	11. Minnesota (5 pts.)	17. Arizona (5 pts.)
6. Southern (2 pts.)	12. Denver (2 pts.)	18. LSU (2 pts.)



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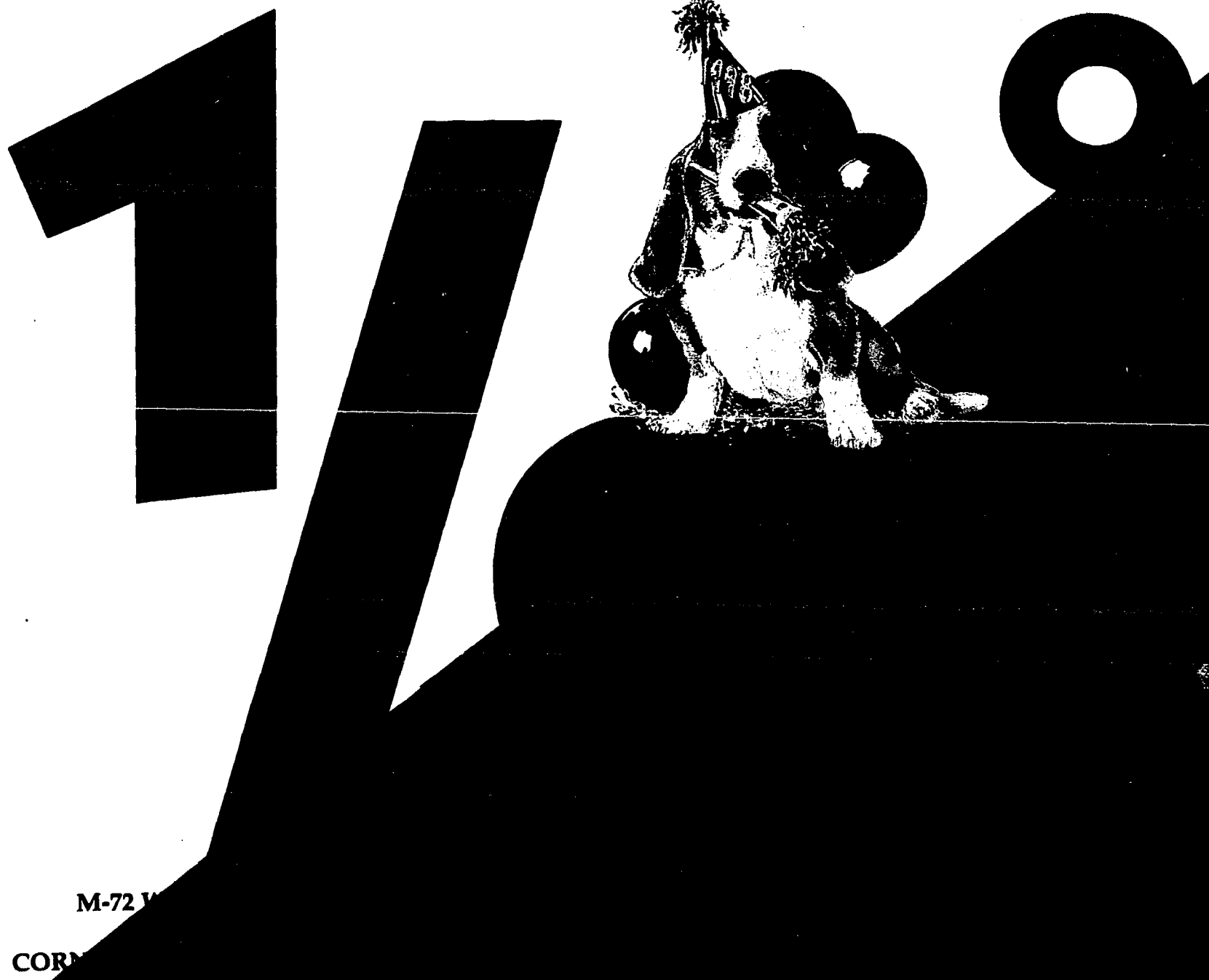
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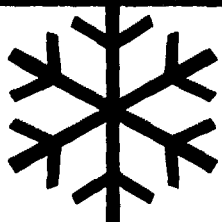


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Crawford County
Feature

The Avalanche would like to thank the following businesses and organizations for submitting their year end review stories.

North Central Community Mental Health

Two of the major organizational goals North Central Community Mental Health (CMH) achieved this year will positively impact residents of Crawford County (and those from the other three counties it serves) and pave the way for competing in a rapidly changing health care environment. The first step was to become accredited by Commission for Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities, commonly known as CARF, and the second step was to gain approval to change its legal status from "agency" to "authority".

Accreditation through May 2000 by CARF was achieved last May. Dr. Donald E. Galvin, president and CEO of CARF, says that, "North Central CMH put itself through a

rigid peer review process and demonstrated that its rehabilitation programs are of the highest quality." Outside reviewers lauded North Central for "providing a good continuum of care for individuals with mental illness and providing excellent care to some challenged individuals with multiple disabilities."

"Becoming accredited helps ensure that our programs and services meet state-of-the-art national standard and serves as a foundation for our continuous quality improvement efforts," said Greg Paffhouse, director of North Central CMH. He added that additional unexpected benefits were realized through the work groups that were formed to prepare for the accreditation process.

"We have reoriented our agency to focus on the people we serve and the needs they have, rather than on the services we can provide. Through this people-centered orientation, we have created more effective partnerships with the people we serve."

The second goal was to become a Mental Health Authority. This new legal status, received in Oct., 1997, allows North Central CMH to control all operations, manage funding more flexibly and develop new programs to meet community needs.

Approval was the result of months of work among staff and county commissioners. According to Paffhouse, "becoming an authority is a great benefit to us and the counties.

It will remove liability from the counties as well as cap their local match responsibilities, and it opens the door for us to have greater flexibility in organizational operations."

"North Central CMH is looking forward to the opportunities and challenges the managed care environment will provide. Active planning and organizational and program changes are continuing to be made to support its mission: to promote healthy individuals, families, and communities through the efficient management and delivery of quality behavioral health services. We want to create service models and partnerships that will increase access to services and deliver the desired person-centered outcomes," said Paffhouse.



GREETING -- Don Halvorsen, North Central board member and County Commissioner, greets Jane Cawley, CARF surveyor during the CARF visitation of North Central facilities.

Hartwick Pines State Park

Hartwick Pines State Park and the Michigan Forest Visitor Center had another good year for advancing the goals of providing educational and recreational opportunities to residents and visitors of the state. The unique natural and historical features of Northern Michigan's forests continues to be our focus.

Total park attendance for the fiscal year was 212,839. A total of 384 public programs were presented, including guided hikes, campground programs, guest speakers and slide presentations. Nearly 200 schools visited the park (from kindergarten through college) with close to 9,000 students attending.

The much-loved Monarch Pine (largest tree in the park) died in 1996 and now serves, along with its new trailside display panel, as a reminder of the important role that dead and dying trees play in the forest ecosystem. The tree is still standing and continues to attract crowds.

Trail brochures for stops along

our three walking trails were completely rewritten this year. A painted watercolor map of the park, highlighting its cultural and natural histories, was commissioned and completed by local artist Dennise Piche; 10,000 copies were printed for visitors.

Furthermore, research and design work on exhibits for the Visitor Center and Logging Museum are ongoing. A new exhibit telling the post-logging era story of Michigan's pine forests is under construction. And the logging museum will open its doors to an entirely new logging technology exhibit next summer. The first part of this new exhibit, a revamped blacksmith shop, opened in August. Other temporary exhibits are continually changed throughout the entire year to reflect subjects of seasonal interest.

Our two festivals, Woodshaving Days (always the third weekend in July) and Black Iron Days (the fourth weekend of August) com-

bined to bringing some 6,000 people to the park. We also presented our second Maple Syrup Day in March, when visitors had a chance to tap a tree, collect sap and boil-down syrup. The seventh annual Hartwick Pines Challenge run in October brought over 2,000 people out. In addition, three teacher education workshops and two snowshoe kit building workshops were held.

In March, the park hosted the Michigan History Day competition for students in grades four through 12.

Special guests visited regularly. Authors Tom Powers, Janine Jensen, Gloria Whelan, Roger Storm and Sue Wedzel, Stan Perkins, Joan Peters, Herman Miller, Mike Terrell and Mark Herrick all held book-signings. Visiting artists included Joy Yax, Tom and Patricia Russell, Mary Watt, Gijsbert van Frankenhuyzen, the AuSable Manistee Fiber Guild, Scott Barkdoll (canoe restoration); Rod

Lawrence, Sue Lawrence and Jon LaBeau. We also hosted two traveling exhibits the Michigan Wildflower Council Art Show and "Storytelling Through the Mail 'Tall Tale Post Cards'."

Two bat houses were placed in the park last spring. As part of the Bat House Research Project sponsored by the Organization for Bat Conservation, monitoring of these shelters will provide useful data for understanding bat behavior. Another research project was undertaken when forester Bill Botti and the Michigan Forest Resource Alliance began a forest inventory of the park. This study will provide useful us with much valuable information on the history of the old growth pines, the role of fire in a healthy forest, the regeneration of pine and hemlock and hardwood succession as well as aiding in future management decisions.

As they say, the future looks bright.

River House Shelter

As River House shelter closes out 1997, our 10th Anniversary offering services, it is important to reflect on the progressive changes that have taken place.

This year brought with it a new Director for us, Marilyn Madison, originally from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and in the last five years from Traverse City, Michigan. She began her education in the state of New York and finished at Grand Valley State with her Masters in Social Work. Her work has carried her into the arenas of family and children services and foster care. Her encouragement and hard work has set the stage for 1996 as we move into a new era for the shelter with services that continue to grow in both breadth and depth.

River House has seen one new program come on-board this year and a significant increase in several of its other in house programs. New to River House this year is the Sexual Assault/Rape Response

Team offering services for adult victims and their families. This is the first program, of its kind, offering support services to victims and families in Crawford, Roscommon, Ogemaw, and Oscoda counties.

The second program that has seen a substantial increase this year has been the Court Advocacy program. River House has two court advocates working in the court systems with families and clients and with support groups in four counties. Legal services include assisting clients in working through the court systems, help in understanding what your legal rights are, and obtaining Personal Protection Orders.

The Youth Skills and Empowerment Program continues to grow reaching more and more of our area's student population. This program works at educating our youth about non-violent alternatives to resolving conflict, and instilling in them values that enable them to refuse to accept violence as a part of relationships.

Saint Mary's Catholic Church

Saint Mary's Roman Catholic Community is a community of persons living in Grayling and Crawford County. It is the only Catholic community in Crawford County and part of the larger particular Church of the Diocese of Gaylord. Our life as a parish is focused on three areas highlighted by our bishop, Patrick Cooney, in a Pastoral Letter. He has encouraged us to 1) Worship the Almighty 2) Cherish the Word and 3) Serve each other and the world.

The life of Saint Mary's parish can be summarized in these categories.

WORSHIP OF THE ALMIGHTY has been enhanced in the past year by the continuing training of our Lectors and other liturgical ministers so that our earthly worship is more and more representative of the heavenly liturgy. Our goal is the goal of the Catholic Church: full, active and knowledgeable participation by all believers. Our 10:30 a.m. Sunday Liturgy is now celebrated as a Family Mass at which young people deal with the assigned readings for the day, separately from the adult congregation, at a level appropriate to their age. After the adult homily, the young people and children rejoin their families for the Creed, Intercessory Prayers and Eucharistic Prayer. In doing this, we are trying to emphasize that the primary action of the Catholic community is the Eucharist and that all our actions must be informed by our Eucharistic celebration and flow from it and back to it.

CHERISHING THE WORD takes place in many ways. All members of our Parish are offered an annual book entitled *At Home* with the Word containing the scripture readings assigned for use each Sunday in all Catholic Churches

throughout the world. The scriptures are accompanied with background materials, meditative reflections and suggested applications. A growing number of parishioners prepare for the Sunday Mass by having reflected on the readings prior to hearing them proclaimed in the assembly and predicated by the presiding priest. This allows the Word of God to percolate through the mind and spirit and be filtered through the experiences of the week. Those who have adopted this practice find their Sunday Worship more enriching. All Parishioners are mailed seasonal meditation booklets which utilize reflections on the daily scripture readings for use in their private study of the Word. There is a weekly Scripture Study group that meets on Sundays to delve further into the Word of the day and during Advent and Lent. The local Knights of Columbus is conducting a Bible Study for any interested persons. This study utilizes materials prepared by the Diocese for this purpose and is growing in popularity. God's Word has been transmitted through the faith life of a living tradition. As the Evangelist tells us, "Not everything Jesus said and did is recorded here, but this has been recorded so that you may believe that he is the Messiah, the Son of God." The living tradition of the Church has produced a substantial catechism rooted in the Word and that tradition which all families are offered. Families with children are given age appropriate materials that follow the structure of the catechism and are responsible for the basic religious education of their children. Some families do this individually and others, especially home-schoolers, join with others in small groups to use this resource. Monthly family nights enhance what is done at home and better enable parents to be "the first and best teachers of their chil-

dren in the ways of Faith."

SERVICE TO OTHERS in the image of the Christ who "came to serve and not be served" is more and more characteristic of members of this parish. In the past two years we have developed a very active parish Health/Home Nurse ministry. The purpose of this ministry is to help those limited by age and illness to meet their needs and make community services available to them. We have an annual ministries Sunday in which the over 30 parish ministries have representatives explaining their purpose and recruiting new members. A large expense is absorbed by the parish for the good of the broader community sharing our building resources. The public school adult education program, the Family Independence Agency, Riverhouse, Mercy Auxiliary, the Grayling Promotional Association, Alcoholics Anonymous, ALANON, Bereavement Support Groups and

Mothers' Support Group along with many other groups use our facilities without cost to carry on programs intended for our common good. The cost of providing the space, utilities and cleaning were at "tithe" back to our local community. Many Catholics are inspired by God's Word and their sacramental union with Christ to be very active members of many civic organizations and boards. Being a small part of a universal Church is annually highlighted with our parish support of the many ministries of that Church through our Catholic Services Appeal and Mission Sunday contributions. This parish is exemplary in the generosity of its supporting parishioners. A core group of parishioners is hard at work developing into a more active Finance and Pastoral Council to ensure the responsible continuation of parish life consistent with the Catholic ideal.

Habitat for Humanity

One often wonders how an idea or concept grows to actualization and oftentimes the result is, in itself, an astounding accomplishment.

In November of 1995, the process of forming a Habitat program for Crawford County was actually initiated by a phone call to the Michigan Habitat director, Ken Benson by Gloria Sanderson, former director of the RSVF.

Soon afterwards, the public was invited to an organizational meeting and the initial response drew over 65 enthusiastic volunteers.

All of 1996 was then focused on establishing and organizing the infrastructure of the local affiliate for Crawford County. Board and committee members worked diligently throughout the year and their hard work paid off as the Habitat program was granted affiliate status

in March of 1996.

Another breakthrough would occur when James and Janet Montgomery of Detroit donated lot 96 in AuSable Woods #4 for the site of the first Habitat house.

Site and Building committee members stepped up the pace and Crawford County took part in the Blitz Build scheduled between June 21st and July 5th.

During that time, 150 houses statewide were scheduled to be under construction for Habitat families, including our own select family.

As a result of the enormous generosity of contributions from all sectors of Crawford County including in kind donations, materials, labor, skilled, unskilled and untold volunteer hours, the first Habitat house was completed in November of this

Crawford County Housing Rehabilitation and Community Development Commission

The CC Housing Rehabilitation and Community Development Commission is a department of Crawford County. They have a staff of two persons; Sandra L. Brody, Director, Gerald A. Balmes, Rehabilitation Specialist and a Board of Directors consisting of five members.

The department is a self-entity that is funded with Federal funds (grants) from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) through the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) and from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Rural Development, formerly

known as Farmers Home.

They serve very-low and low-income clients county-wide. They are able to assist clients with a program for single-family homeowner rehabilitation on a loan basis. The rehabilitation program consists of an emergency repairs program in which we could replace your furnace or replace your septic and drainfield, with a required monthly payment, rehabilitation of your home such as flooring, roof, siding, painting, etc. Clients repayment status is based on income and family size. They offer loans from deferred to three percent payback.

In 1997 the department received 29 applications as of Dec. 1, 1997, and have been able to assist 14 with another 6 in the working stages and still a month to go.

The Housing Commission also monitors an Economic Development Fund for businesses and a Milltown Theme account for businesses.

They are also involved in MSHDA's Rehabilitation Assistance Program (RAP), a deferred loan for those who qualify, Home Improvement/Community Home Improvement Programs (HIP/CHIP), and Repair and Modernization Loans for Rentals (REMOLDR).

Also this past year allowed the Housing Commission to work with the Crawford County Sheriff's Department in assisting them with a telephone grant for 911 service to very-low and low-income persons.

**Happy
New Year!**

Camp Grayling

Troop Strength: Training soldiers in their wartime skills continues to be the highest priority. The number of soldiers hosted for the two-week Annual Training (AT) periods increased from 8,000 in 1996 to 10,400 in 1997. The main reason for the low soldier strength in 1996 reflected support to the Olympics held in Atlanta, Ga. The number of soldiers attending Inactive Duty Training (IDT) on weekends rose from 23,000 in 1996 to 63,354 soldier mandays in 1997. Projections for 1998 indicate an increase in both AT and IDT soldiers training at Camp Grayling.

Training Events:

Firefighters Service in Hungary. The 1439th Engineer Detachment (Firefighters) were mobilized in December 1996 in support of Operation Joint Guard. The unit conducted pre-deployment training at Camp Grayling and were deployed to Hungary in support of the United Nations peace-keeping mission in Bosnia. After serving seven and a half months in Hungary, the unit returned to Camp Grayling for demobilization in August 1997. The 1439th and three other Camp Grayling units also served in the Persian Gulf War.

Multi-Purpose Range Complex (MPRC): The opening of the MPRC in the summer of 1997 marked the culmination of over 10 years of work to build one of the finest combined arms training ranges in the world. At a cost of nearly \$8.5 million for construction over two years and a similar amount for emplacement of targets, the new range will challenge users who combine tank live-fire exercises with infantry or air support. The initial verification rounds were fired on the range on Jul. 9, 1997 with a Michigan Army National Guard (ARNG) crew. The first for-

mal tank crew qualification courses commenced with the Ohio ARNG on Jul. 16, 1997 and a public Open House with Michigan's 1/246 Armor Battalion was conducted on Aug. 20, 1997. The updated range combines several old ranges into a modern high-tech range that meets Army Standards for the 21st Century. Also, the range area and firing point locations were redesigned reducing the large-caliber weapon system noise to our neighbors by an average of 20-30 decibels.

Multiple Launch Rocket System (MUTS): In 1995, the 1/182nd Field Artillery Battalion became the first unit to fire their MLRS rockets on a National Guard training site. On Aug. 20, 1997, they participated with the 1/246 Armor Battalion in an Open House for the general public firing 54 MLRS rockets. This year the weather was much more cooperative than in 1995 and the number of visitors reflected the August weather. The entire open house was a huge success.

Presidential Visit: President Guntis Ulmanis of Latvia spent Aug. 8 touring Camp Grayling with Maj. Gen. Stump, Col. McConnell and their staffs. The President was given the opportunity to participate in ground and air tours of the facility and participate in planned training events on the MPRC and the Mobilization And Training Equipment Site (MATES) facility. "Michigan is the state that does the most in getting the partnership of peace going. A good job has been done on Michigan's side," said President Ulmanis. The President also noted that, "At this time there are no training facilities in Latvia like here in (Camp) Grayling." The visit was also covered by local media and television in a very positive and informative light.

Initial Planning Conference (IPC): On Sept. 30, 1997, an IPC took place with the 57th Field Artillery Brigade of the Wisconsin Army National Guard. They will be conducting Annual Training here Aug. 1 through 15, 1998. Additional

(Phase V) of the "1995/1996 Hydrogeological Monitoring Results," better known as the Range 40 study. This is the culmination of six years of work at a cost of \$2.2 million which focused on the Range



Entrance to Camp Grayling

planning meetings will take place to insure this unit has an effective annual training period. This is the first major Wisconsin ARNG unit to train at Camp Grayling since elements of the 32 Infantry Division trained here in preparation for World War II.

Loomis Battery Competition: The 7th Annual Loomis Battery competition was held at Range 10 on Camp Grayling. Hosting this primarily Civil War re-enactors group is a welcomed event for the public. The competition includes civil war cannons, mortars and rifles and is open to all.

Environmental Impact: Camp Grayling finished the final phase

of the four previous study phases indicating no significant impact to water resources and fisheries on and surrounding the 27,000 acre state-owned military training complex, including the east and north branches of the AuSable River. This extensive investigation was designed to measure the effects to the environment as a result of over 50 years of military training on Range 40. The study, conducted under a Michigan Department of Management and Budget contract awarded to QST Environmental, Inc., focused on groundwater, surface water (lakes and streams), wetlands, soils, sedi-

ments and fish in and around the 7,000 acre "impact" area located 15 miles northeast of the City of Grayling. Work plans for each phase of the study were approved by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) prior to commencement of field work. Input and review was solicited from the public as well as local environmental groups for incorporation into the studies. Training that has been altered to better protect the environment includes restrictions on the firing of white phosphorus rounds and the relocation of firing points to avoid the potential of impacting wetlands and surface waters. Heavy weapons training also has been limited to reduce noise impacts. Camp Grayling was awarded the 1997 National Guard Bureau "Eagle" Environmental Award for excellence in environmental programs.

Improvement / Upgrade of Facilities:

Bachelor Officer Quarters (BOQ): Building # 115Q, the new 12 room BOQ is currently under construction on Lake Street. All rooms will face beautiful Lake Margrethe. Cost of the facility is projected near \$400 thousand. This new facility will be opened in 1998.

Field Shower Facility: Opened in June 1997, the Jones Lake Base Camp has a permanent shower facility for use by soldiers training in the north camp area. This facility was built at a cost of \$101 thousand and provides two separate shower bays which can be gender designated. Field hygiene is part of troop morale and this new facility was well received by soldiers training in the Jones Lake Base Camp area in 1997.

Training Set Fire Observation (TSFO): Building 337T is home to the TSFO which is an artillery simulation training device. In 1997, the

TSFO was upgraded by the Training Support Facility, Fort McCoy, Wis. The upgrade modernizes an already unique training device, increasing its life span.

Morale Welfare and Recreation (MWR): The Camp Grayling MWR purchased two pavilions for use by soldiers during their reconstitution of forces. One shelter was erected in June 1997 by the 1438th Engineer Detachment and the second one has the footings in place with completion scheduled in 1998. These are multi-use facilities for troops training at Camp Grayling.

Installation Improvements: The facilities of Camp Grayling experienced further progress in the continuing effort to improve appearance and function of the post. Utilizing internal assets and coordinating assets of visiting units, Camp Grayling has improved the roads, buildings, grounds and range areas to better serve soldiers training at the installation. Noticeable improvements include the new above-ground bulk fuel site with its own containment barrier; armory heating system upgraded to efficient natural gas; upgrade of Bldg 40; and numerous landscaping and building improvement projects.

Community Service: Camp Grayling has supported numerous community events with personnel and equipment to help improve the overall quality-of-life in surrounding communities. Assistance has been provided to construction of children's playgrounds, the AuSable Canoe Marathon, civic and memorial dedication events and disaster relief in the form of debris clearing equipment to the Detroit tornado. Camp Grayling plays an important role in community service to the surrounding area.

St. Francis Episcopal Church

St. Francis of Grayling has undergone a transformation. 1997 was a very good year.

In October of this year, it ceased being a "mission" and became a "congregation." For years, small churches like St. Francis, did not carry the ecclesiastical weight that the bigger, more prestigious churches carried. The parent church has changed all that — for the better: one church, one vote.

Many new programs have been instituted this year; Journey to Adulthood is one of our major undertakings. It's unique class work prepares young adults for that venture into life. The Sunday School has taken off too, and the Vacation Bible School this summer hosted over 70 children — many from other church-

es or those with no church to call their own. St. Francis of Assisi was a magnet for children, and so are we.

"As a former 'mission' church, St. Francis has always stressed filling the need for those less fortunate. The Thrift Shop ministry has been in existence for over 30 years, and those volunteers who have spent time there know that fulfilling the needs of others is a true calling. When fire strikes, or misfortune comes calling, the Thrift Shop can provide clothing and emergency help with household items. It's new addition nearly doubled the space of the building, and it is hoped that providing good used appliances and large items will now become part of the offering of the Thrift Shop staff.

New Life Community Services, a

thriving counseling agency sponsored by St. Francis, has also met the challenge of healing within and without the body. As this agency grew, so did the need for its services. New Life began as a small nucleus of people rendering assistance to troubled individuals; it, too, has been transformed and is now multicounty-wide in scope. Its services include but are not limited to drug and alcohol abuse programs, and family or personal counseling on issues like grandparenting, single parenting and divorce or loss.

The new priest, Father Robert Henley and his wife, Russ, have been a great asset to St. Francis. The congregation was left rudderless for a while, but the Henleys are an energetic couple who thoroughly enjoy their friends, family and church. They have pulled the church back together again and are a terrific drawing card for those seeking a

place to worship. Father Rob spent two weeks at the University of the South in Sewanee, Tenn. this past summer. The course work was devoted to congregational development, and he will return in 1998 to complete the course.

Father Henley traveled to Washington D.C. in September to receive an great honor for the congregation. A certificate of "Jubilee Ministries" was presented to St. Francis on behalf of the national church. Jubilee churches are those who minister far outside of their normal realm. The Thrift Shop and New Life are examples of crossing into Jubilee Ministry territory and committing the entire church to exercise model outreach.

Additional outreach has been to host the community's Thanksgiving Service, and the Good Friday Lenten program as well. The famous Potato

Pancake Supper is known throughout the area, and is well attended every year by every denomination.

As a final tribute to the efforts and energies of the congregation and to the Henleys, St. Francis set a record

in December. The new Bishop for the Eastern Diocese, Edwin Leidel, confirmed, baptized, or received 19 new members into the family of St. Francis. Yes, it was a busy, wonderful year at St. Francis of Grayling.

First Baptist of Frederic

First Baptist Church of Frederic has enjoyed another rewarding year in the service of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We had several who came to know Christ as their personal Savior and many others have grown closer to the Lord.

Due to the faithfulness of God's people, we were able to make several significant internal improvements this year to our buildings. We hope to greatly enhance the external appearance of our buildings and grounds next year.

We celebrated our Centennial this year. Several former pastors and friends were able to return to the church for our celebration August 15-17. Among them was Rev. Charles Opitz who served here from 1941 to 1946. Pastor Opitz is still going strong and now resides in Grand Haven, Mich.

Judy Hammond (our present pastor's wife) made a most remarkable discovery while researching her family tree. She discovered that the man from whom the founders purchased the church property from in 1897 was one of her relatives. It truly is wonderful how God works!

This year we enjoyed one of our best "Round Robin Missions Conferences" we have ever had. Back in the 1960's, Pastor Clare Olin was pastor here and was the originator of the "Round Robin Missions Conference." Many excellent churches throughout Michigan still participate in this event. Each year, the pastors of all participating churches return to Frederic for a ban-

quet to begin the conference. This year the banquet was held on September 13.

Pastor Dale Hammond wishes to announce that he has discontinued publishing his fundamental Baptist publication. Back in 1993 Pastor started a publication he called "The Communications Digest." This publication grew until it was circulated around the world and read by some of the most influential people in fundamentalism. In 1996 a college granted Pastor an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree for his "achievements in the ministry of Jesus Christ." Pastor believes his Digest served its purpose. He has on file personal testimonies of how the Digest blessed the lives of many. He recently received a letter from Sri Lanka (18 miles off the southern tip of the Indian subcontinent). A pastor was sitting next to an American on a train who was reading an older issue of "The Communications Digest." The American shared it with the pastor. Now that pastor wants Pastor Hammond to come to Sri Lanka to preach at his 1000 member church. Pastor Hammond says he will if God provides.

All in all, 1997 was a great year for First Baptist Church of Frederic. Several new families became part of this ministry and the spirit of the church is loving and true. Pastor Hammond says this is the friendliest and most thoughtful church he has ever known. He believes this church has been able to survive the test of time because it has always had a "core" of godly people.

Catholic Human Services

Several really good things have happened during 1997. First, and probably the most significant in the long term, is the part that Catholic Human Services (CHS) has played in the work of the Strong Family/Safe Children project and the development of the Crawford County multipurpose coordinating body. We are pleased to be an active contributor to these two very significant ventures. At the same time we are really gratified by the broad base of interest in these activities as shown by the number of individuals involved and organizations represented.

During the first full year of its existence the Strong Family/Safe Children project provided people of Crawford County with some excellent services. The several contracted programs are addressing some major on-going concerns within the community. At the same time the mini-grant projects filled some critical voids in terms of services and materials needed right now in order to more adequately and effectively work with targeted populations. The contract programs and mini-grant opportunities will continue in 1998. The entire community is enhanced by this work.

CHS operates the sexual assault program in Crawford County, one of the contract programs of Strong Family/Safe Children. Referrals are received from anyone or any organi-

zation who is aware of possible sexual abuse involving children. Referrals to this program early detection and intervention which are critical to effective resolution of problems related to sexual abuse. We provide assessments, recommendations, comprehensive counseling, and referral services within the sexual assault program. The service is concentrated on the children directly affected and the family, but the perpetrator (abusing person) is worked with at times also. A very important dynamic of this program is that the identifying process is much more likely to result in positive outcomes for everyone involved than when it is perceived as threatening and punitive. 16 children/families from Crawford County were served by this program during the contract year of Oct. 1, 1996 through Sept. 30, 1997.

The foundation programs of CHS are individual, family, and marriage counseling including pregnancy counseling, adoption services and employee assistance services. We maintain an active presence in Crawford County with two days a week of on-site counseling at 708 Peninsular Ave. in the St. Mary Parish Complex. If additional resources become available additional time would be allocated. There is a real need for "traditional" counseling services — family practice, so to speak.

Grayling Township

Local government jobs are like no others found in the community workplace. For local government to function to the best of your needs, special people are needed to keep you in the forefront of all tasks. Your team of Grayling Township employees is a dedicated group of people, ready to serve you promptly and courteously at all times.

As the population of Grayling Township has grown and as the mandates of state government have

increased, so too has the staff of local servants you employ to meet your needs.

Our job is to provide the very best services to you within a reasonable tax burden. Grayling Township residents pay the least amount in taxes of all Crawford County residents and we'd like to keep it that way.

Our promise to you is simple: The service you receive through Grayling Township will always meet your highest expectations and satisfy your greatest demands.

Michelson Memorial

Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church has experienced an exciting year in 1997. This 117 year old congregation has added another chapter to its history with the new addition and renovation project. With the church located downtown on Michigan Avenue, the community has watched the progression of the building since the ground breaking last June.

The new addition will provide handicap accessibility with ground-level entrance, an elevator to all levels, accessible bathrooms, a remodeled kitchen for all those great United Methodist dinners and a remodeled sanctuary complete with a new sound system and a new organ.

The architect and contractors have done a great job of blending in the new addition with the old building. As one person remarked, "It looks like it was always supposed to be there." While the outside looks complete, the attention of the contractors is now inside. The sanctuary has been gutted. Walls have been removed. New walls are going up, and electricians are shaking their heads at the wire they are replacing in the old sanctuary. All looks calm and peaceful on the outside, but the building activity continues on the inside.

Obviously with the church in "constructive chaos" the congregation has had to find a temporary home for worship and Sunday School. Even as the new Grayling

Methodist congregation in 1880 needed to meet in public places such as schoolhouses, so to does the congregation in 1997. Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church has been most grateful for the opportunity of having worship services in the new AuSable Primary cafeteria. It is a beautiful room with a bank of windows that overlooks the woods in back. The staff have been very gracious, and the custodians extremely helpful.

The building isn't the only thing that changed in 1997. After five years of faithful ministry as Christian Education Assistant Mary Nama took a teaching position at the Middle School. Michelson's loss is the school district's gain. Mary put together a strong, creative education program which includes Wednesday afternoon Discovery. Michelson continues the strong education emphasis by hiring Julie Dormire as the new Christian Education Coordinator.

The year of 1997 has certainly been an exciting year for Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church. In 1998 Michelson is planning an open house for the community, an organ concert with the new organ, and many other activities to celebrate its rich and faithful history and to look to the future as did Nelson and Margrethe Michelson, benefactors of this church, in bringing Christian inspiration to the community.

Carl W. Borchers Post 3736 and Auxiliary

Carl W. Borchers Post 3736 and Auxiliary started 1997 with a sad farewell to the 24 National Guard soldiers of the 1439th Engineering Detachment who were scheduled for deployment to Europe on a "Peace Keeping" mission. They gathered at the Camp Grayling Army with family and friends to show support. The auxiliary put together care packages containing items from deodorant to gum for them.

Apr. 17th the Ladies Auxiliary along with the American Legion Auxiliary hosted a recognition dinner for State Representative Allen Lowe at the American Legion Hall. Letters of appreciation and a scrap book highlighting Lowe's work were presented to him by both organizations.

The Ladies Auxiliary sponsored a coloring contest in relation to gun safety for the third grade students in Grayling and Frederic schools. Winners were Mark Mikulen, Heather Phillips, Emilie Guardado, Crystal Mills, David Gilmand and

April Wheeler. They were presented with monetary prizes.

May 8th through 10th the post and auxiliary sold the VFW National Buddy Poppy to the public. All proceeds went to help needy veterans and their families as well as supplying aid to the VFW National Home at Eaton Rapids and rehabilitation services to the disabled, needy and aging veterans in VA hospitals and domiciliaries across the country.

In May we gathered with other veterans organizations at Elmwood Cemetery to pay homage to our departed brothers and sisters. We then proceed to Frederic Township and Maple Forest Township cemeteries for short memorial services.

Again for our Nations Birthday, the auxiliary and post put together a parade on the 4th of July. It was led by the Grayling Police Dept., National Guard Color Guard and Veterans Organizations. Many business and other organizations in the community participated. We handed



ANNUAL VFW-4th of July Parade, pictured are members of the VFW Carl W. Borchers Post 3736 and Auxiliary

out over 700 American flags to the spectators so they could also participate in the celebration. Even though

rumors flew around town that the parade was cancelled, it went off on time and witnessed by a large

crowd.

Nov. 11th we celebrated Veterans Day at the American Legion Hall. U.S. Rep. David Camp, State Representative Allen Lowe, VFW District 11 Jr. Vice Commander Donald Bushey and District 11 President Jeanette Kelts were some of the distinguished guests. Paul Smith was the guest speaker and music was provided by six members of the Grayling High School Band.

Dec. 6th at Glen's Market we petitioned the community for cash or non-perishable commodities to help the Crawford County Christian Help Center. These proceeds went to help make Christmas for the less fortunate in Crawford County.

United Way

United Way of Crawford County continues to make an important difference in the lives of our citizens through its fundraising efforts for the 18 local non-profit agencies which requested funding allocations from our United Way this year.

All of the folks involved in the United Way effort here in Crawford County are volunteers, from the board of directors and the campaign co-chairs to the dedicated and tireless volunteers who help with the auction and the mailings and all the other behind-the-scenes needs that arise in any fundraising effort.

This year we have the goal of \$80,000. We have raised over half of that at this writing, and hopefully, will come close to two thirds of our goal by year end. The end of the year has usually meant the end of the campaign, but this year may prove to be the exception.

While we have been fortunate to receive increased grants from some of our local businesses, we are faced with cutbacks in donations from individuals who are being asked to spread their dollars to make up for cutbacks from government sources.

We are committed to raising the funds which are needed so clearly by our funded agencies. The money that you give through United Way of Crawford County is by no means the

only money that these groups depend on, but it is a portion which each agency counts on and uses for significant purpose within our county, among our friends and neighbors and families.

Other projects that the post and auxiliary were involved in were the distribution of commodities to low income families at the Eagles Hall; support of the Jr. Deputy Program that is conducted by our local sheriff department; hot dog sale at Glen's Market; a craft show at the American Legion; participation in all district meetings, VFW Fall Conference, VFW Department Convention; visiting our veterans in local nursing homes; helping our youth in the scouting programs and volunteering throughout the community.

Our agencies include: Girl and Boy Scouts, 4-H, the American Red Cross, Catholic Human Services, New Life Community Service, Youth Services and the Ministerial Association, Hospice of Michigan, Mercy Child Care Center, Grayling Cooperative Preschool, Inc., Crawford/Ausable Day Care, ROOC, Inc., Kenquest House, River House Shelter, KCC Volunteer Center, RSVP of Crawford County and Crawford County Habitat for Humanity.

These agencies all have volunteer boards. They are not wasting our money. They are on the front line for the most needed service to humanity that exists in our midst. These agencies and the people that work within them deserve the thoughtful support of all of us in this community. The issues and needs that these agencies address are not going to go away if we do not respond.

Ignoring difficulties has never worked well, and United Way of Crawford County is not going to start now.

Grayling Rotary Club

The Grayling Rotary Club gave \$16,666.32 in grants to the following organizations during 1997. The Rotary Club Good Works Committee distributes the proceeds from several fund raising projects each year to organizations that benefit the citizens of Crawford County. The Grayling Rotary Club is a service club that meets at Patti's Townhouse for lunch at noon on Wednesday of each week. The approximately sixty members work together to raise money from the citizens of the county and then invest that money back into the local community.

Fund raising projects: Truck raffle, Chicken Bar-B-Que dinner on Canoe Marathon race day, Riding lawn mower raffle, Minstrel show and Golf outing.

Good Works Committee disbursements in 1997: Booster Club, \$200; Booster Club, \$200; Mary-Kay Blaauw, \$500; GPA, \$200; River House Shelter, \$100; ARICM, \$500; Grayling Rec. Authority, \$200; Grayling Rec. Authority, \$200; CC

Fair Board, \$1,000; Wayne Koppa, \$500; Boy Scout Troop 979, \$425; McClanahan Foundation, \$250; CA Cross Country Team, \$50; Roscommon Rotary Club, \$110; Gray AuSable Football League, \$200; CC Comm on Aging, \$100; Grayling Rec. Authority, \$500; GPA, \$100; CCC Help Center, \$400; Rotary Dist 6290, \$100; Gray Co-op Pre School, \$200; American Legion Aux, \$230; American Legion, \$195; Wayne Koppa, \$200; Dace Mason, \$200; Project Graduation 1997, \$1,000; Kenquest House, \$200; Crawford AuSable School, \$329.07; Scholarships 6, \$4,500; RIF, \$100; Youth For Christ, \$125; Grayling Little League, \$250; Bellaire Rotary Club, \$100; Crawford AuSable School, \$250; CCCC Help Center, \$100; Rotary Foundation, \$1,000; Christina Florian, \$500 Grayling Spirit Club, \$550; Life Leadership Conv., \$150; New Life Comm. Service, \$200; Pat Nunn, \$7; Rotary Foundation, \$240; Michelson Memorial Church, \$200; for a total of \$16,661.32 in Grayling Rotary Club Goodworks.

Doorways of the North

Doorways of the North was established in 1980 by Lanny Hagon. The business was started by Hagon and two other men, who worked in Saginaw, for a company that sold Pease entrance doors, Clopay garage

doors and Carefree windows. Their main business is installing and service of garage doors.

The family owned business sells to all of northern Michigan with a showroom and warehouse is located in the industrial park.

New Life Community Service

New Life Community Service provided a variety of services in 1997. One of the programs which we expanded this past year was the agency's adolescent counseling. A grant from Strong Families/Safe Children and money from state funding, New Life was able to provide 123 hours of adolescent counseling and saw a total of 21 area residents. Our hope is that the agency will continue to offer some of these successful services to our community's children in 1998.

New Life also continued to provide a variety of counseling and assessment services for area residents. These included marriage, personal and substance abuse coun-

seling; substance abuse assessments and alcohol highway education classes. Through various local grants, private foundations and government funds, New Life was able to provide 983 hours of counseling services.

Another area of expanded services for New Life was through its parenting program. The agency was able to continue parenting classes and offer an array of workshops covering many parenting issues such as communication skills, discipline, parenting teenagers, step-parenting and grandparenting.

The agency's substance abuse prevention program provided prevention education services to the

community's children through its relationship with the Crawford-AuSable Schools. New Life's Prevention Educator, Sandra Shellfish, works in cooperation with the area's school system to educate children on the dangers of substance abuse. This program continues to play a major role in the community, with even more expansion of prevention education in the future.

New Life experienced some staffing changes in 1997. The agency hired a new Agency Director, Lynn Moore, following the retirement of Roberta Buss. Moore's master's degree in social work is a valuable asset as New Life looks to offer its services to

clients that have insurance coverage. Under the direction of Moore, New Life was able to provide assessments for some of the area's major employers such as the National Guard and Weyerhaeuser. The agency also has two new therapists on staff, Delbert Teachout and Lori Wybraniec, both with a wide range of educational backgrounds and skills. Through them we are able to continue to offer strong counseling services.

1997 was also a year of celebration for the agency, as New Life experienced their 10 year anniversary with an open house this October.

AuSable Quilt Guild

The guild was formed to preserve and to promote the art of quilt making. It is a non-profit educational program. Our activities are centered around those statements in our constitution.

In keeping with that purpose a quilt show on alternate years is our major project. This past year we had a two-day show in April at the Holiday Inn. Entered were 53 quilts, 20 wall hangings and 11 miscellaneous items. There were also demonstrations of hand quilting, appliquéing, attic windows and piecing. Vendors booths displayed fabrics, books, patterns and quilter's tools. Door prizes, many of them hand made by guild members, were given out. Four hundred and fifty five persons attended the show.

Our educational programs are presented the same day as our meetings, prior to the formal meeting and are optional. The classes are taught either by a guild member demonstrating her area of expertise or by someone brought in to conduct a class. The classes this year were: making a foundation block, fabric dyeing (held at the home of one of our members), three-dimensional appliqué and making an 'I Spy' quilt.

We have three special meetings each year. In the summer we had a picnic at Hartwick Pines. In the fall we had a two-day retreat at WaWaSum on the AuSable River when we had a class, worked on our own individual projects, took walks, canoe if we chose, sat around the

fireplace, talked and ate. At the retreat we enjoyed a fun event, fashions modeled by some of the makers featuring creative, one-of-a-kind designs which had never been seen before nor ever will be again. In the winter we had a Christmas party at Wyman's Harmon House. We exchanged small gifts and had a pot luck lunch.

This past year the guild members submitted needlework to two exhibits held locally: a wildlife block at Kirtland Community College's Kirtland Warblers Festival and needlework of choice, using predetermined fabrics, at the Icehouse exhibit benefiting research for breast cancer.

As members of the National Quilt Society and the Michigan Quilt

Society and by sharing correspondence with other guilds around Michigan we are kept abreast of quilting events around the country and in Michigan, some of which our members have attended this past year bringing home to us new methods and ideas, expanding our knowledge and pleasure of quilt making in its many forms.

Grayling Eagles #3465

This past year the Grayling Eagles #3465 have shown what our motto, "People helping people," is all about.

Our Aerie's and Auxiliary have contributed to many of the community's needs. We have supported the library, little league, special olympics, Project Graduation, Sheriff's DARE program, just to mention a few.

Our club also participated in the Canoe Marathon parade, earning the Grand Marshall Award. At this time we hosted the Ox Roast and raffle.

In November we ran the Hunters Ball and raffle. The proceeds from these events go to our charity funds. Besides our local help, we also donate to many national charities: Jimmy Durante Children's Fund, Max Bear Heart Fund, and the Art Eitherman cancer fund. This is also a family club, providing many activities for the children. The Christmas and Easter parties are a huge success. The Eagles Club is proud to be an active part of the Grayling Community.

Kiwanis Club

The Kiwanis Club of Grayling is a service club that was organized in 1935 in Grayling and has continued to serve the community ever since. It is part of a worldwide organization for community leaders.

The club year runs from October to October so for most of the 1997 year, the club was headed by Toby Shambarger, president; Val Johnston, president-elect; Brian McMahon, vice-president; Mary Nama, treasurer; and Bob Bovee, secretary. For 1997-1998, the club is headed by Val Johnston, president; Brian McMahon, president-elect; Tammie Kent, vice-president; Ron Joyce, treasurer; and Bob Bovee, secretary.

The purpose of the club is summed up in the Kiwanis motto of, "Young Children Priority #1."

Among some of the groups and projects that the local club has supported with personnel or donations are school dances, Hanson Hills Halloween party, RIF books for the library, Crawford County Historical Museum, church directory, RIF author for schools, Camp Shawono, Hugh O'Brian Leadership Training, Community Christian Help Center, Kenquest House, Christian Youth Center, Hanson Hills Classic, Hanson Hills Challenge Trail Run, Michigan Cup Cross Country Ski Race, Winter Wolf Challenge, Junior Achievement, Girls State, 4-H activities, Little League, Easter baskets, Santa's breakfast, Project Graduation, DARE, Junior Deputy, Kids ID program (picture taking and description), AuSable Canoe Marathon, Vacation Bible School

and Girl Scouts.

The club sponsors the Hartwick Pines Challenge Race in October and donates to Kiwanis of Michigan Foundation which pays for recreation and education in three Michigan Hospitals, C.S. Mott Children's Hospital, Northern Michigan Hospital, and Mary Free Bed Hospital. 37 children from Crawford County were served in these hospitals in a year.

The club is collecting and donating to Kiwanis International for the world wide service project known as IDD, iodine deficiency disorder, which aims to iodize all salt in the world to prevent goiters and cretinism, a form of mental retardation.

Lake Margrethe Property Owners Association

Lake Margrethe Property Owners Association (LMPOA) was formed 29 years ago with the objective to preserve and protect the natural beauty of Lake Margrethe and surrounding area, to enhance the great natural resources and recreational facilities, to support the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) in its effort to improve fish habitat and recreational facilities, to support an orderly development of the water and land area and to promote the interest, rights and safety of property owners in the area.

Membership is open to all proper-

ty owners of land which is located between the shores of Lake Margrethe and state or federal land. At the present time, we have over 330 families in our association.

1997 activities included sail boat regattas, AuSable River Festival Parade, Lake Cleanup Day, water testing, lake clarity readings, lake level charting, fish testing, Big Tree contest, membership meetings, publishing the "RIPPLES" and our major event, boat parades.

Tom and Jan Hunt plus Ron and

Cindy Herron hosted our July 5th Boat Parade and party which included 128 boats, 300 to 400 people and with prizes being presented to the Most Original, Best Theme, Most Patriotic, Best Bear on a Sea-Doo, Best of Show, Most People in Costume and Best of Spirit.

Our Aug. 30th Boat Parade was quite wet, only 11 boats, but the American flag was flying high from the Young's boat and the Bofysil's horn woke up the whole lake.

We continue to work with DNR to improve the fish habitat and fish stocking. Our smallmouth bass nest-

ing devices have helped increase bass on the lake.

The DNR is working with us to replace the old culverts on Portage Creek with a new box style culvert or bridge which will help us to properly control the lake water level. We are still trying to obtain a permit to remove the sand buildup at the mouth of the creek.

The County Commissioners and Environmental Officer, Grayling Township, Camp Grayling, Road Commission, Department of Health, Sheriff and others have helped us meet our 1997 objectives.

Sibs for Kids

Sibs for Kids is a program of the AuSable Valley Youth Service Bureau funded by the Alden and Vada Dow Fund of Midland and the Crawford County United Way.

The goal of the program is to match children in need of adult role models with adult volunteers. Matches are made based on common interests and hobbies. The volunteers are approved based on a police record check and personal references. The requirement of the

adult volunteer is to make regular contact by phone and occasionally do an activity together.

In 1997, the program hosted a Splash Party at the Holiday Inn of Grayling and a Halloween party at the St. Francis Episcopal Church for it's matched and unmatched members.

Currently, there are four matched with two more matches to be made in 1997 and nine children remain on the waiting list.

Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce

Many changes have taken place at the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce. With new decor, new staff and new member benefits, no predictions can be made about what will happen in 1998. We resolve to make this New Year even better for the Chamber and those that support us. In March, Lynn Porritt-McConnell was hired as the new Executive Director replacing Jerry Meyer. October brought Tina Hamilton in as Administrative Assistant taking over for Tim Zigala who moved on to a business venture.

The Chamber of Commerce participates in numerous events throughout the year. January brought the \$10,000 Chamber Challenge Raffle. The winners were a group of motel owners who got together and purchased another ticket the night of the raffle. Awards are given that night for Citizen of the Year, Athena Award, and Silver Lining winner. The Silver Lining award goes to a member building owner who made exterior improvements to their business location.

In February, the Winter Wolf Festival took place with the Chamber assisting the Grayling Recreation Authority. After the snow melted, it was time to clean up and take pride in the community. The Chamber co-sponsored the first Grayling Pride Day with the Grayling Uptown District Association. The enthusiasm was overwhelming. The project was put together in 10 days by a couple of very motivated business people.

The second Grayling Pride Day promises to be even better. Anyone interested in getting involved is encouraged to contact the Chamber office.

The Chamber Beautification Committee got into full swing by organizing flower planting along the I-75 Business Loop. Through donations from Chamber members and workers from Camp Shawono and volunteers, flowers were planted in front of the Chamber office, City Hall, Crawford County Library and the American Legion. Organizing is already starting for the 1998 planting. We learned much from our first go-round.

The Kirtland's Warbler Festival was the next event in which the Chamber was involved. The weather could have been more cooperative. The turn out was good in spite of cold, misty rain. The date for 1998 is May 30.

Of course, Crawford County residents and visitors alike look forward to the last full weekend in July when the AuSable River Festival takes place. The Chamber of Commerce sponsors the Arts and Crafts show held in the City Park. Close to 150 crafters and artisans display their wonderful talents in this event. Along with that show, the Chamber assists in coordinating the other activities surrounding the Festival.

The Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce along with the Chambers from Roscommon and Ogemaw Counties worked together

with Kirtland Community College to sponsor the Stepping Stones to a Successful Business classes. Topics ranged from writing business plans to marketing plans and strategies. People working the area being discussed taught the classes. The classes are designed for anyone interested in starting a business and those already in business wishing to improve in some areas of the business world. New sessions are planned for the spring. Information is available at the Chamber office.

Grayling Holiday Inn

In June, Holiday Inn of Grayling celebrated its silver anniversary, marking 25 years of service to visitors and residents of the area. As the hotel begins its next 25 years of business. It does so under new ownership and with a brand new look.

Ralph and Zuhair Ayar, of Southfield, purchased the facility in May, as founders Ron and Nora Fraser stepped aside to begin their retirement. The Ayars brought many new ideas for changes and improvements to the hotel, several of which have already been implemented.

Passers by can't help but notice the exterior renovation the building has undergone. The process took about two months, but the results are well worth the time and effort spent, as the building now sports a completely modernized look. Inside guests notice that the holidome has been remodeled. A new floor, indoor playground, patio furniture and floral accents have given the dome a bright, airy atmosphere in which to relax.

The Crawford Station Restaurant, located within the hotel, has also seen its share of changes. Although some of the changes have been cosmetic, updating the look of the

In September, the Chamber of Directors held their annual strategic planning session. The number one issue was getting a trail through town. This same issue has been discussed and attempted for many years. The grant for a timber bridge across the river has been resubmitted for 1998. Grayling was picked as an alternate project for 1997 but the funding did not come through to build the bridge in 1997. All fingers are crossed for 1998. The other topics important to the Chamber Board

were continuing to develop a sense of community pride, pursuing the development of M-72 as the US 131 connector to I-75, promoting Grayling as a year-round travel destination and coordinating a plan for beautification.

Also high on the list of Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors' priorities was developing a "Member to Member" program which started in October. Discounts are given to Chamber of Commerce members by the businesses that have signed up

with the Chamber office.

The 1997-98 Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors is as follows:

President Monte Burmeister, Vice President Bill Gannon, Secretary Mary Jo Conway, Treasurer Phil Dennett, Past President Keith Kenney. Directors are John Patchin, Gerry VanSickle, Paula Edlund, Diane Tompkins, Tim Smith, Bill Dean, and Wayne Koppa. Ex-Officio members are Gary McConnell representing the Military and Jerry Morford from the City of Grayling.

restaurant, other changes can be seen on the menu. The Ayars have worked with Executive Chef Larry Bachman to incorporate some of their favorite dishes into the menu. The restaurant's wait staff has a sophisticated look, too, as they are clad in sharp new uniforms. The Crawford Station is open to the public.

Elsewhere in the hotel, guest rooms are receiving a facelift. From wallpaper, paint and vanities, to tile, carpeting and drapes, everything will be brand new. Although this process will take several months, the end result will be dramatic.

The hotel staff is excited about the casino packages they are now offering. These packages are valid

Sunday through Thursday at Turtle Creek and Leelanau Sands Casinos. Another package offered is the weekend package, available to guests interested in paying one price for their meals and lodging arrangements.

The Ayars and staff of Holiday Inn of Grayling are pleased with the changes taking place in their facility



Grayling Holiday Inn

District Health Department

The Crawford County Health Department has not only met, but exceeded the immunization goals set by the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH). In October, Health Department Officials reported that Crawford County had an 89% immunization rate for the 19 to 35 month old age group MDCH's goal was 85% by September of 1997.

From the generosity of the Kiwanis Club of Crawford County, more young children are enjoying books. Kiwanis has donated nearly 100 children's books that are being given to children during immunization clinics at the health department. Furthermore, Strong Families/Safe Children continues to support immunization. SF/SC provides funding to support additional immunization clinics and a health department nurse to the AuSable School District two days per week during the school year.

DHD No. 10 received an award from Mercy Hospital for their unique Keep Your Date for Safety's Sake program. The program offers assistance to economically disadvantaged families on the dangers of unintentional injuries to their children and provides them with the knowledge and safety products needed to prevent the most common of these injuries. Numerous families through-

out Crawford County have benefited from this safety program.

ALIVE!

The health department was instrumental in starting ALIVE! The ALIVE! Partnership for Positive Choices is a community based action group formed to promote teen abstinence from alcohol, tobacco, drugs, violence and sexual activity. Anyone is welcome to participate. Parents, teens and professionals. ALIVE! volunteers have been active in a number of community projects. They are currently working on a Parent Directory

Lice Treatment

Every year, young children throughout the country miss numerous days of school due to head lice. The health department, with the financial assistance of SF/SC doing their best to assist families in ridding themselves and their households from lice in the following ways -

*HD Nurse — A HD nurse works with the schools and continues to check for head lice as needed.

*Lice treatment Program — This program provides necessary supplies and equipment to families. Vouchers for supplies, the laundromat and to borrow a vacuum cleaner. The vouchers can be obtained at the health department

Health department still continues to provide a variety of services to the community throughout the year.

Scheer Motors

In 1997 Scheer Motors came into full swing with its new body repair and paint facility. This year the square footage of the facility was more than doubled and also included the addition of a new office and customer lounge.

The facility is now divided into two separate areas. In one area the heavy technicians remove and replace damaged parts and panels. If necessary, the frame and body are straightened with specialized equipment. The vehicle is rebuilt to factory specifications. The vehicle then goes to another large room where preparation for painting takes place. It is placed in a special "preparation deck" where air flows from overhead

down past the vehicle and through the floor. This process guarantees that all dust and other pollutants are removed. When the vehicle is totally ready for painting it goes into a down draft paint spray booth where air also flows from the top to bottom. After painting, the booth then quickly over-dries the finish to factory specifications. The vehicle is now ready to go to the detailing shop where it is thoroughly cleaned inside and out before being returned to the customer.

Manager Jeff Sharp says that with the addition of the new facility and equipment Scheer Motors has been more than a 50 percent increase in the number of vehicles it services.



NEW ADDITION -- Scheer Motors of Grayling doubled the footage of their body repair and paint facility. Pictured above is the finished product.

Top 'O Michigan

1997 has been a busy year for Top O' Michigan. In 11 short months, a lot has been accomplished with the addition of many new services to improve the quality of life for you and your neighbors who are all owners of this customer-owned business.

In each issue of *Country Lines* this year, we kept you updated on the exceptional progress your employees, board of directors and management team have made in meeting this goal.

Back in January their major focus in 1997 was to explore ways to improve customer services and reduce electric costs. That will be re-evaluated to see what changes will be needed so we can continue to offer you better services at an attractive price.

In March we announced the start of Top O' Michigan Propane, a new subsidiary that delivers service, not just the gas itself, and backs it up in writing. Top O' Michigan led the way in putting a guaranteed cap on winter price increases and offering propane meters so you pay for your

gas as you use it rather than in one large lump sum.

In May, they introduced new service centers in Gaylord and Kalkaska and more options to make it easier for you to pay Top O' Michigan bills. The new centers provide electricity and propane services more quickly and efficiently to customers in the growing Gaylord and Kalkaska areas. Customers now can pay their bills with their credit card or obtain the new Top O' Michigan credit card that provides special bonuses to customers who use it for Top O' Michigan purchases. Bills can be directly paid from your banking account or credit card.

In July they had more news for customers who want the best service possible for their home heating system and water heater. They new subsidiary, Top O' Michigan Energy Services, is a full-service heating and cooling company that specializes in the design, sale, installation and service of high efficiency gas furnaces, geothermal heating and cooling systems, electric and gas water heaters, and other equipment to make your

home more comfortable, safe and economical to operate.

They also added a new rate specialist who will work closely with the commercial and industrial customers to see they are on the best rate possible.

They now have private tree-trimming services for those who want to remove dangerous dead limbs or trees on their property or want pruning done to improve their trees' health and appearance.

With the Power Monitor Plus, cus-

tomers no longer have to call us if a storm knocks out their power. The new specially-equipped meter automatically reports outages and sends in readings.

With the Power Monitor Plus equipment, seasonal residents can now take advantage of lower rates, particularly if they use electric heat and have an electric water heater.

A site on the Internet was established where you can read about our new services on your home computer. Our address is www.topmich.com

Citizens Bank

1997 has been a very busy and exciting year for everyone at Citizens Bank, a year filled with many new changes, promotions and growth.

This year we began our "Clients First" strategy with a mission—to be the preeminent provider of financial services in our markets, by building long-term relationships with our clients that help them achieve their financial goals.

Our main goal is to deal with clients at a more personal level. In doing so, we have begun our Personal Banker program that is designed to provide our clients with more individualized service and personal attention. We will achieve our mission by adhering to our five beliefs: TO ACT!

Timely Communication, Ownership, Accuracy, Creative Solutions, Teamwork.

John H. Alef, Jr., Senior Vice President and Senior Lending Officer was appointed senior officer in charge of the Grayling market.

Geraldine VanSickle was named Assistant Vice President, Personal Banker/Consumer Lender.

In conjunction with our Personal Banker strategies the following promotions announced: Crystal Filley was named Personal Banking Assistant III; Michelle Wilkins was named Personal Banking Assistant II; Debra Rowland was named Personal Banking Assistant II.

There were also other promotions throughout the bank as well: Donna Fulton-Scott was named part time Customer Service Representative II and Margaret Stevenson was named full time Customer Service Representative II.

CB Financial Corporation also merged with Citizens Bank in 1997, therefore, adding banks in the Jackson, Charlevoix and St. Johns/Lansing markets. Citizens Banking Corporation now operates 93 offices in Michigan and in suburban Chicago, Ill., providing a full range of financial services to a broad customer base.

St. John Lutheran Church

During 1997, St. John Lutheran Church had the pleasure of having Sherry McGuffin serve as our intern Pastor until August, at which time she returned to Columbus, Ohio to complete her last year of Seminary. While here, she participated in the Ministerial Association, served "on-call" at Mercy Hospital, and led services at Mercy Manor. She has been missed since leaving us.

Our Youth Group met one to two times per month and has done a variety of activities. Many children and teens from the community have participated in these events.

The Quilt Group met once a week throughout the year and completed 68 quilts which were packed and went to Lutheran World Relief who distributes the quilts to third-world countries and to people who are in need of warmth and shelter.

The men of our church have met for breakfast twice a month at local restaurants for discussion of current events and fellowship.

St. John also hosted a Mother/Daughter Banquet in May, seven card parties throughout the year, Vacation Bible School in August, and a bazaar in November. These events were well attended not only by our members but many people from the community.

Most recently St. John hosted the

community Thanksgiving dinner. This project continues to be successful due to the exceptional support from local businesses, other churches and individual people.

Currently they are in the process of calling a Pastor to our church.

RE/MAX of Grayling

RE/MAX of Grayling has experienced tremendous growth in 1997. We have expanded the office space approximately 1,000 square feet to include five new offices, the addition of a new sales associate brings our total to eight full-time agents. We are continually striving for better ways to meet our customers expectations and goals through continued education courses, seminars and learning the latest technology.

RE/MAX of Grayling is available on the Internet and has expectations of joining the Multiple Listing Service (MLS) in the spring of 1998 to help better service all of our customers. We have grown a great deal in 1997 and look forward to another year full of experiences in 1998.

CSI Emergency Apparatus

CSI Emergency Apparatus, a division of CSI Industrial Systems Corporation, is located in Grayling's Industrial Park. CSI is one of three manufacturers of fire apparatus presently operating in Michigan.

During 1997 every employee within the division began a continuous quality improvement training program with Kirtland Community College. All employees are involved in this program to insure that the division is able to continue providing the highest quality products and maintain our steady growth in the Grayling area.

Also, 1997 was the first year that the division has offered a stock/demonstrator unit program. This demonstrator is a water supply

tanker that has been specifically designed for the fire service. This CSI custom designed apparatus has generated an outstanding response at trade shows and throughout the state. This unit has also drawn attention from out of state dealers and fire departments and is scheduled to be demonstrated in Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, and Wisconsin in early 1998.

CSI is entering 1998 with the goal of expanding its market share within Michigan as well as expanding into the out of state market.

CSI Emergency Apparatus is proud to be part of the Grayling community and wishes everyone a joyous and safe holiday season.

Crawford AuSable School District

AUSABLE PRIMARY DEDICATED: The new AuSable Primary School was formally dedicated on Jan. 27. The pre-school through second grade, 51,500 square-foot building is designed for early childhood curriculum. This beautiful, functional and energy-efficient building opened in Sept. of 1996 with 475 students.

ALL FIVE DISTRICT SCHOOLS ARE ACCREDITED BY THE NORTH CENTRAL ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGES AND SCHOOLS: With the recommendation of the middle school by the state association to NCA, all five district schools are accredited by North Central, meeting the highest standards of accreditation for schools in 19 states. All five district buildings were granted outcomes accreditation candidacy status, indicative of active participation in research-based school improvement. They conducted research to profile their student populations, identified specific target goals to address student needs identified within their student profile research, collected base line data identifying the present status of students related to each target goal, and are now implementing strategies designed to meet the target goals. An outside NCA resource team visited in Dec. of 1996 and again on Nov. 25 of this year with a positive reaction to school improvement activities throughout the district.

GRAYLING HIGH SCHOOL INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS: In November, the board of education hired GMB Architects-Engineers and E&V Construction Managers to assist the district in completing the pre-bond design phase necessary to gain permission from the state of Michigan to present a bond issue to the voters on June 8 of 1998 for ren-

Grayling Promotional Association

The Grayling Promotional Association (GPA) continued its winning ways in 1997 under the leadership of President Betty Bennett. They are currently conducting a membership drive and invite you to join the group.

Every Tuesday at noon at the Iron Gate Restaurant, members gather for lunch and a one-hour meeting. Discussion on ways to promote Grayling, regular committee reports, future planning and a 50/50 raffle are held (there's always one winner). GPA meetings are social and at the same time productive as they plan the year's promotional efforts.

GPA is a great organization to join if you're new to the Grayling area and are interested in getting involved. During the meetings there's time to have fun, meet new people, and discover ways you can contribute your personal talents to the community. The group has been meeting since 1983, when it was first founded by the late Judy Weaver-Dickinson, a visionary businesswoman and community organizer.

ovations and additions to the high school. GMB and E&V will facilitate identification of high school facility needs, development of solutions that are cost effective and that meet the needs dictated by curriculum, and development of cost estimates. Detailed planning will be complete by early March. Input will be sought from the community, parents, students, staff, administration and the board. Final decisions regarding the component parts of a project to be presented to the voters will be determined by the board by Mar. 2 of 1998.

NEW FIVE YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN ADOPTED: Culminating a full year of work, the board of education adopted a new district five year strategic plan to guide district activity through the year 2002.

•Student-oriented goals include development of a sense of community responsibility in students, development and implementation of programming to address the needs of violent and disruptive students, improvement of student behavior in non-classroom areas, elimination of substance abuse, improvement of attendance and aggressive pursuit of a planned solution on sexual responsibility issues.

•Curricular-oriented goals include development of a structure for decision making regarding technology, development of technological skills for staff, integration of technology into all curriculum areas, development of programs for students not benefitting from traditional programs, restructuring of vocational and tech prep programming and development of a curriculum with a strong community component.

•Organization goals include addressing the infrastructure needs of the high school, refinement and

Three objectives have lead the group forward over the past 14 years: to work cooperatively for the benefit, education, and promotion of the community of Grayling; to increase cooperation and awareness between the business community and the community in general and to increase awareness and concern between members of GPA.

Membership is open to any individual who has a desire to work for and promote the Grayling community. You don't need to represent a business just yourself and your own talents and interests. GPA sponsors and supports a number of community events and fund raisers throughout the year. In keeping with the mission to actively promote Grayling, the following are just a few events GPA members sponsored or contributed to in 1997: AuSable River Festival Parade, Breakfast with Santa, Fourth of July Parade, Chamber After Hours, Area Beautification, Thank You Grayling Day, Pictionary Olympics, Seasonal decorating, Woman of the Year, and the Christmas Walk/GPA Choir.

improvement of the district site based decision making model, improvement of internal and external communication and development of a plan to recruit and train support substitute staff.

NEW DISTRICT POLICY MANUAL ADOPTED: Following 18 months of work by the board of education and administrative team, the board adopted a new policy and procedures manual on May 19. With assistance from the Michigan Association of School Boards, current district policy and past practice created by board of education decisions during the last five years were reviewed. Policies were revised and/or added to bring compliance with current law and to incorporate recommendations from MASA.

THREE NEW BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS: Jim Tobin and Karl Schreiner were elected to the board of education at the June 9 annual election. Both will serve four-year terms. On May 23 the board appointed Gary Pettyjohn to serve the last year of the term of Irene Pettyjohn who passed away May 2.

TECHNOLOGY PROJECT COMPLETED: The district technology project became operational in the spring. All buildings are connected in a wide area network allowing transmission of voice, video and data between buildings and classrooms. The network is connected directly to the Internet allowing students and staff to use this valuable research tool. With approximately 75 computers in district buildings prior to the fall of 1996, the purchase of 240 new computers during the last two years has resulted in one computer in every district classroom, a computer lab in each elementary building, two computer labs in the middle school, and four labs in the high school. A video retrieval system in each building media center allows teachers to directly access videos, cable TV, satellite programming and programs originating in the district for classroom instruction. The district is able to prepare students for the technology of the next century.

SCIENCE CURRICULUM REVISED: The board of education adopted a revised district K-12 sci-

ence curriculum and instructional materials for implementation in the fall of 1997. The curriculum is based on the Michigan Essential Goals and Objectives for Science Education adopted by the Michigan State Board of Education. It is consistent with skills measured by the Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) and High School Proficiency Test (HSPT). The curriculum emphasizes hands on experience and is focused on application.

BILL KLINGER NAMED ATHLETIC DIRECTOR: Bill Klinger was hired into the position of half-time Grayling High School Athletic Director and half-time Grayling High School teacher in May. The position is a new position for the district as the athletic director position has been coupled with the high school assistant principal position for more than twenty five years. Mr. Klinger has been a counselor at the high school and at the middle school for twenty years. He has worked as an assistant athletic director for the past ten years and previously served as head football coach, freshman boys basketball coach, and junior varsity baseball coach.

KATHRYN SERGEANT NAMED GRAYLING ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL: Kathryn Ann Sergeant was hired in the position of Grayling Elementary principal in June. Ms. Sergeant worked as a counselor in the Gerrish Higgins School District for the past twelve years. She earned her Master of Arts from Central Michigan University and holds Michigan Administrative Certification.

ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION PROGRAM AT GRAYLING ELEMENTARY: An alternative education program began for third, fourth and fifth grade students this fall at Grayling Elementary. The program is designed for students who have physically and/or verbally acted out in such a way as to cause a major disruption to classroom, playground and school functions. The classroom is a structured, nurturing environment teaching self discipline and peaceful conflict resolution. Academic achievement at grade level is a priority. A hands-on approach to learning in a small-

group setting with an emphasis on real-life applications is used. Seven students are currently in the program.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC: The Grayling High School Band was honored by the Michigan Chapter of the American School Band Directors with the prestigious "Award of Excellence." They were honored for outstanding performance on a state level, performance in solo and ensemble competition, membership in honors bands, and performance at national symposiums.

ATHLETICS: Grayling High School began competition this fall as a member of the Northeast Michigan Conference. Banners recognizing the other eight conference schools now hang in the gymnasium. Grayling High School hosted a state class B district girls' basketball tournament and a state class B boys soccer tournament this fall.

CONSTRUCTION TRADES LEARNING MODULES: Combining local technology budget funds with a federal Perkins grant through C.O.O.R. Intermediate School District, technology based learning modules were purchased. The modules provide an introduction and simulation in carpentry, cabinet making, roofing, brick laying, electrical wiring, telephone cable and TV, plumbing, air conditioning, tile setting, cement work, sheet metal work, insulation installation, dry walling, welding, electric motor repair, and small engine and power mechanics.

JOURNALISM: Several journalism students have participated in a school-to-work program producing camera-ready copy for major publications within the community including the Chamber of Commerce Community Guide and Membership Directory, Community Education Department publications, the school district annual report, and the Grayling High School fall and winter sports programs.

VOCAL MUSIC EXPANDED: The district vocal music program has expanded with full vocal offerings at the high school and middle school. Karen Ross, who split her time last year as vocal music director and as an assistant band director

now teaches vocal music full time. **MIDDLE SCHOOL AFTER SCHOOL OFFERINGS:** The middle school offers an open computer lab, boaters' safety classes, an open library, a math lab, a chat club, spring co-ed volleyball and character counts activities after school.

MIDDLE SCHOOL PHYSICAL EDUCATION FIELD: The new physical education field in the Spruce Street block east of the middle school was opened for use this fall giving physical education classes the opportunity for outdoor instructional programs.

AUSABLE RIVER PROJECT: The middle school joined efforts with Roscommon, Mio, Houghton Lake, Lincoln Alcona, and Fairview in the project to test water quality as part of seventh grade science classes.

FOOD SERVICES: The district food service department served more than a quarter of a million (234,643) student meals while emphasizing healthy food choices at home and at school.

TRANSPORTATION: The district transportation department was recognized by the Michigan State Police with a commendation for twelve consecutive years of perfect bus inspections.

GRAYLING ELEMENTARY STUDENT COUNCIL: The student council organized a canned food drive for the Crawford County Christian Help Center. The student council also sponsored a float building activity to build a P.O.W.E.R. float for the 1997 Viking homecoming parade; 70 students were involved.

DONIEL PUMMEL NAMED MIDDLE SCHOOL ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL: Doniel Pummel was hired into the position of middle school assistant principal in June. She had been a teacher at the Grayling Middle School for the previous five years. She earned her Bachelor's Degree from Central Michigan University (CMU) with a major in English and minor in mathematics. She also earned her Master's Degree in school administration from CMU.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Crawford County Museum

The Crawford County Historical Society, Inc., is the organization that manages the Crawford County Historical Museum, a tourist attraction in the community. The society was formed in the early 70s to promote the Grayling centennial year of 1972 and to preserve the history of the county in a museum.

The museum, now at the old Michigan Central Depot which was built in 1882, has had a successful year. Hundreds of people visited the museum during its summer opening from Memorial Day to Labor Day, including people from all over the United States and from many foreign countries, including South Africa. Many museum visitors are amazed at the quantity of memorabilia and exhibits that are housed in the five buildings on the museum grounds.

Although the museum is open only during the summer months, many groups have made arrangements for tours at other times during the spring and fall, such as school groups, clubs from the area, and specialty clubs who are camping or meeting in the area. Throughout the year there have

been other occasions for a volunteer to open the museum, particularly the main building, for people doing research on families and attractions in the county. Although it is not especially set up for research, there are many papers and artifacts that aid people in finding facts that they want or need.

The museum took part in Thank You Grayling Day and the Christmas Walk, all part of the merchants promotions for the city.

Admission to the museum and the generosity of its donors, both local and out-of-town, support the upkeep of the museum. The major changes in the grounds this year have been the addition of two burning bushes which were planted by Rose Duley Gleason and four very attractive lights that have been installed. The light on the military building - donated by Lewis Smith and two of the yard lights along Norway Street were donated by Larry Frymire in memory of Gloria McNeven Frymire and Harold 'Spike' McNeven.

The board of directors have been

composed of Robert Ruddy, curator, Marie Akers, secretary-treasurer, Mary Jane Knibbs, Helen Feldhauser, LeRoy Akers, Marge

Olver, Ruth Moore, Katy Nave, and Fay Bovee. Two new directors joining the board are Paula Edlund and Donna Carmean.



Crawford County Museum

AJD Forest Products

AJD is located on a 100 acre site in the heart of northern Michigan's prime forests, we at AJD take pride in responsible and efficient use of our only renewable resource, "Trees". AJD assured our customers top quality lumber through quality control, and high-tech equipment for precision sawn products.

It starts with three licensed staff foresters who procure private, state and federal timber sales.

The woods crews handle all harvesting procedures. All hardwoods are managed for sustainable yield.

AJD operates two sawmills. The larger high production mill manufactures approximately 85,000 per shift. This mill utilizes small logs. These logs are harvested by thinning hardwood stands to ensure future forest's resources.

AJD produces 24,000,000 board feet of lumber annually. Advanced precision equipment saws, trims, and stacks the lumber. Sizes are sorted on a computerized 28 Bay sorting system.

The smaller mill saws larger, higher quality logs. The higher quality oak and maple will be used for furniture, flooring and cabinetry.

All waste from both mills is used to produce electricity at a nearby 34 megawatt Co-Generation plant.

AJD produces over 30,000 yards of prime hardwood and pine processed bark annually for the landscape industry.

AJD typically maintains an inventory of two to three million board feet of quality industrial grade lumber and cants for fast order response.

•High Grade red oak, hard maple, aspen, basswood, red and white pine are available in standard thicknesses; 4/4, 4/5, 6/4, 8/4, in lengths from 7' to 12'.

•Industrial Grade aspen, red pine and other hardwoods are remanufactured to: 1/2, 5/8, 3/4, 7/8, deck lumber for the pallet and box industry.

•Landscape timbers in a full range of sizes, from 4 x 4 through 6 x 8, rough or S4S, pressure treated or white woods.

Crawford County Library

1997 was very eventful at the Crawford County Library beginning with Cabin Fever. Readers were invited to visit the libraries January and February and receive a free sandwich coupon from McDonald's of Grayling and Waters for every other visit.

The Crawford County Library hosted two genealogy programs allowing genealogists to share their searches, successes and failures.

In March the Library Board agreed to purchase Mandarin Automation System which started the process of bar coding books and library cards. Shellist cards were sent to the company to create bar codes for the books. Thanks to the help of many volunteers in the community, the books now have bar codes. We started in November to check out books and materials on the automation system and in December using the OPAC. The OPAC, On-line Public Access Catalog, lists books and materials by author, title, subject, browse and key word searching.

The Summer Reading Program was a success with Be Eager About Reading and Hot Eats-Cool Treats. Steve Doyle visited the library and talked about fire safety. Author Jeanne Lesinski brought copies of her book *Exotic Invaders* and had some on display and to sell. Gordon Russ performed the Wizard of Ahh's and Ben Spritzer juggled the Un-Bear-lievable Show. The finale was

Marc Thomas and Max the Moose in Does Moose Rock Make Bears Dance?

In August the computer for public use had a flirtation with a virus which necessitated upgrading the computer to Windows 95.

The RIF Program, Reading is Fundamental, is offered all year with children encouraged to read or be read to 5 books and receive one free paperback book. Donations for the RIF books were from Kiwanis, Glen's green slips, Eagles, Rotary, Lions and by private donation.

Story Hour for 3-5 year olds continued in the winter and fall months. Finger plays, songs, flannel critters, film strips, crafts and stories rounds out the Story Hour program.

November brought Children's Book Week Bookmark Contest with winners Chad Gildner, Teddy Owens, Zachary Baker, Matt Hough, Ethan Lynch, Jacob Bondar, Mike Boylan, Cory Shear, Chrissy Palmer, Jessica Skillern, Michael Olson and Kelsey Neuberger.

Also in November, the Crawford County Library was designated as a Michigan Documents Library with materials scheduled to start arriving in January of '98.

To finish the year, the Crawford County Library received a computer work station with Internet connectivity, scan disc and Works from the Kirtland Community College Foundation.

Grayling Uptown District Association

"You cannot be a first class town without a first class Downtown". Grayling Uptown District Association (GUDA) is continually striving to make Grayling a "first class town" and that requires working together.

GUDA is an active part of the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce - working on coordinating promotional events throughout the area - as well as supporting the efforts of the Grayling Area Visitors Council (GAVC).

GUDA'S main events are the Christmas Walk, the Antique Car Show and Street Dance during the AuSable River Canoe Marathon.

Last year, various businesses staged the "Grayling Uptown Saturdays" with artists and workshops on location.

Some of our fund-raisers include: Christmas egg - this year a portion will be donated to the Canoe Marathon which is also on the egg; Christmas home tour; and First 100-

year books.

Accomplishments:

Grayling Clean-up Day on Earth day; Hired an individual to remove snow on uptown sidewalks; and Beautification committee purchased and helped plant flowers throughout the town.

GUDA uses the money we make from our fund-raisers and dues to promote and enhance the uptown area and wherever else were needed.

We believe small towns are the best places to live because the basic values of hard work, independence, honesty, generosity, and friendliness are readily apparent. And we believe Grayling is a prime example.

Our mission statement: "We will work with other organizations in focusing the preservation, improvement, and beautification of the Grayling Business District while providing a healthy business climate that will inspire a sense of pride and draw new business and customers to the area".

Grayling Area Visitors Council

The Grayling Area Visitors Council (GAVC) was formed under Public Act 59, 1984 to provide funds to market and promote Crawford County as a tourist destination. Revenues come from an assessment on rooms at lodging facilities. The members of the GAVC are motel owners. The GAVC Board of Directors is as follows:

President: David Sabin, Aquarama Motel; Vice-President: Cheryl Hunter, Borchers Bed & Breakfast; Treasurer: Judy Craft, North Country Lodge; Secretary: Rex Thomas, Hospitality House; Board Members: Dean Smith, Holiday Inn; Tim Smith, Warbler's Way Inn;

AuSable Valley Snowmobile Association Liaison: Lester Fouch, River County Motor Lodge.

The Grayling Area Visitors Council (GAVC) continued to promote Crawford County as a recreational destination throughout 1997 in various ways. Ads were designed in the office for the Chicago Tribune, Booth 8 Newspapers, Michigan Living, Indiana Snow Rider, Michigan Snowmobile News and Michigan Snowmobiler publications.

In August, the Federation of Fly Fishers International Show was held in Grand Rapids with members of

the GAVC working in the exhibit booth giving information on our area. A fly fishing package was developed with area businesses participating. The booth and area representatives went to the Lansing Center Sport Show, Grand Center Sport, Fishing and RV Show, and the Barry County and Novi Snowmobile Shows. Over 7,500 guests visited the booth and were presented with area information.

The GAVC has taken a giant leap forward in the race to capture tourism dollars by developing a full color, high gloss, 48 page area Visitors Guide. The first run will be 50,000 copies printed and available for distribution soon. Numerous local businesses have supported this new publication with the purchase of advertising.

Other activities of the Grayling Area Visitors Council in 1997 included membership in the West Michigan Tourist Association, Michigan Association of Convention and Visitors Bureaus, Michigan Snowmobile Association, Michigan Hotel and Motel Association and the AuSable Valley Snowmobile Association. A new partnership was formed with the Nordic Ski Council.

Monetary support and sponsor-

ships were given to the Weyerhaeuser AuSable River Canoe Marathon, The AuSable Valley Snowmobile Association, and the AuSable River Festival Antique Car Show put on by the Grayling Uptown District Association.

Over 1,900 responses were mailed to potential visitors to the area, and approximately 500 information packets were mailed to inquiries received from Travel Michigan, formerly the state travel bureau. The GAVC subscribed to Travel Information Services who placed over 20,000 brochures in racks around Michigan.

The executive director, Lynn Porritt-McConnell went to the Governor's Conference on Tourism in Grand Rapids in October. She has attended meetings with various organizations, and is active on the finance committee of the West Michigan Tourist Association. Lynn also is a member of the Travel Michigan Snowmobile Task Force who designed a marketing strategy for snowmobiling throughout the state of Michigan.

A display case was set up at the Clare Welcome Center in November, featuring winter sports activities in the Grayling area. The Coldwater

Welcome Center will be displaying Grayling information during the month of January. Volunteers for the GAVC put up the display and return to pick up the materials after the month is over. Over 10,000 Crawford County lodging and attractions brochures were distributed in the 11 state Welcome Centers over the year.

The executive director and tourism coordinator, Ilene Geiss-Wilson conducted a training session for the staff of the Travel Michigan telephone operators to show them the advantages to sending visitors to Grayling.

They had an opportunity to look at the data base information for the Michigan Information Travel System. Some of the information was updated.

With the continuing support of Bob Manunel at EPCS, the homepage at www.grayling.mi.com was maintained and improved upon. Over 1000 "hits" per month are generated from the web site, and numerous e-mail requests are now processed. Weather information is updated sometimes on a daily basis depending on the conditions. The same holds true for snowmobile trail, fishing and hunting conditions.

Mercy Hospital/Services

Mercy Hospital's major accomplishment in 1997 was the successful installation of a \$3.5 million heating, ventilation and air handling system. This major capital improvement positions the hospital's infrastructure into the next Century, assuring quality health care to residents of Crawford and the surrounding counties. As part of this capital improvement program, Mercy launched a \$500,000 capital campaign to support new medical equipment purchases at the hospital. We asked, and the community responded. As of December 16, 1997, over \$400,000 was raised in the Mercy Cares... A Pledge for Life campaign.

Mercy Health Services North is proud to be Crawford County's largest employer with over 500 full-

time individuals supporting the health care operations of its various locations. Serving a four-county area, Mercy is supported by 38 dedicated physicians and primary care extenders in health specialties such as obstetrics, internal medicine, family practice, pediatrics, general and orthopedic surgery, ophthalmology and urology. Mercy Hospital is a member of Mercy Health Services, Farmington Hills, Michigan.

Statistics for Fiscal Year are as follows: Admissions: 2,934; Average Daily Census: 29; Births: 252; Average Length of Stay: 3.62; Surgical Cases: 4,151; Outpatient Visits: 32,973; Emergency Visits: 17,445; Fulltime Equivalents: 610; Volunteers: 125.

Critical Care Admissions: 612; Primary Care Office Visits: 24,172;

Long Term Care Census: 37; Active Medical Staff: 38.

Mercy is much more than a hospital today. It's outreach services include physician offices and outpatient services in the following locations in Crawford and Roscommon Counties:

- Mercy Hospital - 1100 Michigan Avenue, Grayling
- North Campus - 1250 Michigan Avenue, Grayling
- Mercy Primary Care Associates - 201 Meadows Drive, Grayling
- Mercy Primary Care Associates - 2585 W. Houghton Lake Drive, Prudenville

Recent accomplishments include:

- Developed north campus medical office at 1250 Michigan Avenue.
- Recruited obstetrician, pediatrician, clinical psychologist and family practitioner to Grayling.

Recruited family practitioner and physician assistant to Houghton Lake.

- Invested \$3.5 million into new heating, ventilation and air-handling system.
- Conducted \$500,000 capital campaign to fund capital equipment needs.
- Began affiliation talks with Munson Healthcare.

- Initiated development of a new medical office building in the Village of Roscommon

Mercy's mission is to provide quality service which respects the dignity and uniqueness of each person with emphasis on mercy and justice.

Kirtland Community College

Kirtland Community College enjoyed a year highlighted by new programs and services. It also gained state approval of its construction plans for the college's \$7.4 million capital improvements program due to break ground Apr. 20, 1998.

Some new programs launched in 1997 include; the opening of it's Nurse-Managed Health Center in October, an innovative public health clinic operated on the campus by Family Nurse Practitioners in partnership with Mercy Health Services North; and the forging of articulation agreements with Ferris State University and Saginaw Valley State University which allow a smooth transition for Kirtl and graduates to pursue their bachelor's degrees at these schools.

In addition to its traditional classes Kirtland offered scores of new and different credit and non-credit courses in 1997 such as home safety fire arms training; advanced emergency medical training (paramedic), community service courses in fiber arts, Yoga, Tai Chi, and tours of wineries, lighthouses and theatres. It provided telecourses and on-line courses English, history, accounting, computers and many more.

The college staged "A Touch of Kirtland," a hands-on show of presentations for Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours programs in West Branch and Grayling. It hosted the annual Kirtland's Warbler Festival, the Valuing the Voice Conference for

Women, and many workshops, seminars and teleconferences for lay and professional groups.

KCC's Automotive Technology Department received its Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) MASTER certification. 100 percent of Kirtland's practical nursing graduates passed their state license exams. 97 percent of Kirtland's technical and occupational graduates are employed. Each member of the fourth and fifth graduating classes of Kirtland's 1997 Regional Police Academy is employed as a law enforcement officer.

Several of the college's faculty members earned state and national awards.

The Kirtland Center for the Performing Arts provided a stunning season of professional entertainment, while its Youth Theatre Program brought professional performing artists to more than 6,500 elementary school children throughout the four-county Kirtland district.

The college enrolled more than 3,900 students during the year, while increasing its fall semester enrollment by 3.2 percent over 1996.

Kirtland's mission is to improve the quality of life in our region by assuring access to quality educational programs and services. As the college gets ready for 1998, it looks back on 1997 as "a very good year," thanks to the continuing support it received from the residents of the Kirtland community.

Here at Shawono, there are two groups of young men. Between both groups they help out the community in many ways.

One thing the men do, in the warmer months, is go out and work for the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) twice a week. Some of the projects they have tackled include refurbishing the steps for fishing sites on the Manistee River. To protect cedar trees from forage, they cut chicken wire to wrap them. Prior to this, they helped stop erosion at sites where it was needed using grassed, brush, and geo-jute. The group has put posts in to define the perimeter of parking lots.

They've helped the seniors by throwing a couple of parties for them, this year hosting a Valentine party and Halloween party. They would visit, talk, play games and give them dinner. The seniors seemed delighted with the attention paid to them.

The groups have helped the River House shelter, by stocking shelves and assisting people in moving from

the shelter. The shelter furnishes them with the supplies they need in a new home. Shawono helped raise money for the shelter by working a concession stand during the Milltown Festival.

They helped out the F.I.A. by moving furniture from their building to Shawono, also cleaned up the new building and knocked out a wall in the old building.

Shawono's residents have helped out the Grayling Chamber of Commerce by putting up nets for the children's fishing contest. One

group planted flowers in front of the Chamber of Commerce building and the City Hall.

Throughout the last year, they have helped the Booster Club numerous times.

After the Fourth of July, they cleaned up the Country Club. Shawono helped prepare a spaghetti dinner to raise money for the basketball team. They also cooked a steak dinner to raise money for the football team.

Each spring, the groups help manage some events for Special Olympics. This year they were able

to help with three events: softball throw, standing long jump and the track events.

At Camp Tapico they shoveled snow off the roofs of cabins to make sure the snow didn't get too heavy and cave in the roofs.

The groups go to the Meadows of Grayling to show animals from the animal shelter to residents. Also, they go once a month to serve cake and ice cream to all the residents that have a birthday with in the month.

They have a six mile stretch of highway that they clean every six months.

Shawono Center

Crawford County Animal Shelter

Caring for unwanted, homeless, lost, abused and neglected domestic animals is the mission of the Crawford County Animal Shelter.

Saving dogs, such as Sweet Pea, certainly must lead the list of its 1997 accomplishments. The plight of the dog -- an abused pitbull-Labrador retriever mix -- was brought to light in March by a com-

passionate Consumers Power employee.

Sheriff deputies discovered that the dog had been fed by her owners only once every two to three weeks. Though one her size should have weighed about 50 pounds, when she was brought to the animal shelter, she weighed barely 30. Her body was covered with pressure sores, her choke chain was growing into her neck and she had been tied outside the entire winter with no body fat to keep her warm.

A volunteer called her Sweet Pea because of her gentle eyes and gentle nature, and the name stuck. She was treated for her maladies, fed carefully, housed in the warm shelter and, most importantly, loved by the volunteers at the shelter. Her owners, meanwhile, were successfully prosecuted under Michigan's animal cruelty statutes.

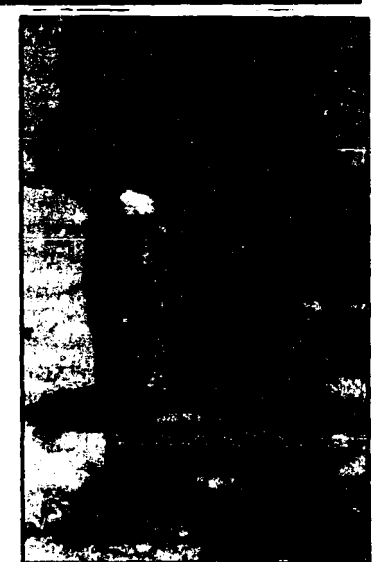
In the months following, Sweet Pea - whom Dixie Lohsinger, volunteer director, estimates at about three - has joined Spirit (a one-and-a-half-year-old German shepherd mix) as an animal shelter mascot. There they live with the kennel cats - Shaky, Fluffy and Squeak - and the volunteers who spend much of each day with them.

Sweet Pea's arrival helped to fill the void left by well-known shelter mascot Frosty, who died in February.

The shelter's day-to-day operations are run totally by volunteers. In addition to Dixie, they include Patty Redinger, Tonya Brady and several young people.

Throughout the year, the shelter continued to raise funds through the sixth annual Labor Day Walk-a-thon, donations, Glen's and Carter's cash register slips, Homeless Homer symbols and Spartan brand labels.

Thanks to the spaying and neutering program sponsored by the Concerned Citizens for Animals (CCFA) the shelter's support group, 20 to 40 animals a month continue to



Animal Shelter

be sterilized. This has somewhat lowered the number of animals brought to the shelter.

In the first three quarters of 1997, 358 dogs and 172 cats were brought in.

Of that number, 170 dogs and 92 cats were adopted, 77 dogs and four cats were returned to their owners and six dogs went to Leader Dogs for the Blind.

Rescue organizations have been contacted about collies, great Danes, German shorthair pointers, schnauzers and Australian cattle dogs this year.

Throughout 1997, the board of directors has continued its critical search for property on which to build a new shelter. Thus far unsuccessful, the search is reaching the crisis stage, as the lease for the existing shelter property expires on December 31, 1998.

The board made an offer on a piece of property on North Down River Road in the spring. Although Grayling Township approved the special use permit in June, the sale, currently tied up in court, is far from a done deal.

NEMCSA

The local office of Michigan Works! has weathered a storm of changes in 1997. All JTPA and Work First services previously provided by the Northeast Michigan Consortium operations staff were contracted out, due to a change in policy by the Michigan Jobs Commission. A contract to deliver programs was awarded to Northeast Michigan Community Service Agency (NEMCSA) who hired and trained new staff to provide services to job seekers and employers at the Crawford County Office, located at 2405 South Grayling Road, (517) 348-8709.

Despite these changes, we still provide the same array of services as we have in the past:

- **Employers can benefit from services such as screening and applicant referral, employment testing, federal contract procurement assistance and on-the-job training programs.

- **Individuals who are eligible for JTPA services may receive assistance with classroom training which includes financial assistance for one or two years of vocational training that can greatly reduce educational costs.

- **Applicants who are eligible for JTPA services may have the opportunity to be referred to an appropriate on-the-job training position with a private business in the local area. This program provides an opportunity to learn on the job and is designed to result in permanent employment following the training contract with

the employer.

- **The Older Worker Program is designed to provide a personalized approach to those age 55 and over that considers their unique employment needs while offering job search assistance, work experience, classroom and on-the-job training.

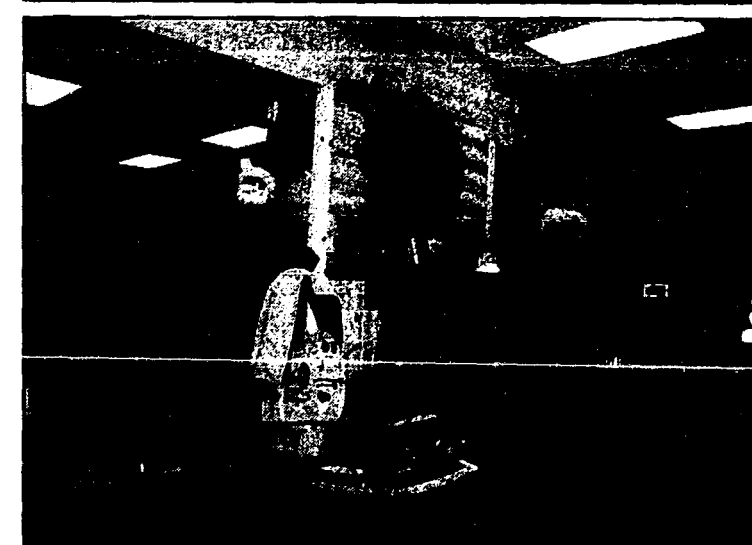
- **The Work First program continues to help welfare recipients make that first connection with the labor market, gain work experience, learn transferable skills and move on to new training and employment opportunities.

- **Our door is open to serve everyone with resume and cover letter preparation, employability skills training, interviewing techniques and job search assistance.

On February 2, 1998, Michigan Works! will begin offering the Employment Services that were previously a function of the Michigan Employment Security Agency. In addition to labor exchange services, we will provide employers and job seekers with online access to America's Talent Bank/America's Job Bank.

Michigan Works! encourages business and community involvement in providing employment and training opportunities to the residents of Crawford County. We also cooperate with other referral and placement agencies including: the Family Independence Agency, Michigan Rehabilitation Services and others.

Riverland Gear



Riverland Gear

When Ann Stephenson, Heidi Bagley, and Heather Zigala decided to open a store in Grayling the general idea was to serve the outdoor working people in the area. That idea eventually led to include children's clothes, shoe's and boots, men's and ladies' casual wear, and casual footwear.

Riverland Gear opened on Monday, Oct. 13, 1997, and is open Monday through Friday 1 p.m. - 6 p.m. and Saturdays 10 p.m. - 4 p.m. When entering the store our guests will see that there are two sections to the store. One is the casual side and the other is the work side. On the casual side the guest will find men's wool shirts by Pendleton, Columbia jeans, and the Dunbrooke Distinctive Images line of clothing. For the ladies, Riverland offers jeans by Wrangler and Gotcha Covered,

embroidered sweatshirts by Artisans, Fleece pullover and zip up jackets, and is just the beginning. The choices for children include Flyshacker and Osh Kosh, and both lines of clothing will be expanded in the spring.

Riverlands work side features Dickie and Pella work jackets, bibs and coveralls for men and women. The Dickie work clothing line also includes insulated and non-insulated jeans, utility pants, painter pants, and flannel shirts. The footwear section features both safety toe and non safety toed shoes and boots. Come in and try on a pair of boots from Rocky, Lehigh, Dickie, Wolverine, Caterpillar and LaCrosse. There is also a selection of everyday shoes for adults and winter boots for kids too.

Riverland's Photo Lab is open and the dry-cleaning will be open soon.



Frederic Fire Department

The Frederic Fire Department received its first call to duty on Oct. 19, 1962, making 1997 its 35th year of operation. One original member, Ernie Barber, is still an active volunteer.

The department responded to 90 fire calls and 209 ambulance calls during the year. They invested in four airpicks and extra tanks which are self contained breathing apparatus, a portable carbon monoxide detector meter, which detects concentrations of carbon monoxide in the home and a suction valve for the Pumper Truck. Two "dry hydrants", which allow for easier water access from the river were installed. The Ed Misslitz Memorial Fund purchased a "patch cabinet", a display area for patches collected from various fire departments.

Eight new members joined over the year with seven of them completing training as Medical First Responders volunteering 120 hours for the initial training.

The fire department currently has 27 active members. Seven Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT), volunteer with the department and two Fire Inspectors are certified by the Northern Michigan Fire Chief's Association. The majority of the members have completed the basic Fire Fighter I Program, with 120 hours of training and the advanced Fire Fighter II Program

with 70 hours of training. Other ongoing classes include EMT training at 196 hours, Hazardous Materials Operation with 24 hours, Hazardous Material Awareness with eight hours, Extrication Training at 16 hours and Driving Apparatus with 16 hours mandatory to drive fire equipment. Fire Officers I training involves 120 hours, Fire Officers II requires 104 hours and Fire Officers III is an additional 64 hours. These classes are all in addition to the Fire Fighters initial training.

Continuing education classes for Medical First Responders state certification requires 15 continuing education credit hours (CEU) after

the initial training and an EMT involves 31 CEU. Firefighters and medical personnel are expected to participate in monthly local ambulance and fire training.

The department is tax payer supported but raises additional funds with a Saturday night Bingo. Other fundraising efforts also generate income.

Members not only donate their time to the fire department, but are active in other events and organizations in the county. One of the events was sponsoring a spaghetti dinner fund raiser for Ashley Morgan, an 11 year old stricken with Hodgkins Disease.

Crawford County Environmental

As we move towards the next millennium, there are many environmental issues that will have to be dealt with. The decisions that must be made range from a global to a local level. Many of our decisions will not be effortless, but these choices cannot be put on the back burner forever. Crawford County is working towards a bright future, but we have also accomplished numerous environmental endeavors in 1997.

In reviewing the year on environmental issues, we have worked to assemble a solid foundation to deal with our ever-changing world. There are numerous rules and regulations that will be taking effect in the future, and we will plan for and take action on these. One of the most important issues that we will be dealing with is the update of our Solid Waste Plan. The County Commissioners have voted to support this update, which is more

important than ever with the sale of City Management, Inc.

The county has also been successful in assisting the Lake Margrethe Property Owners Association in dealing with high lake levels. A joint venture by the property owners, DNR/DEQ, and County Environmental Office appears to have been successful in accomplishing this goal. We should have the problem solved shortly, which was only attained through the cooperation of distinct entities.

In looking to the future, the county will be working on abundance of significant issues. Several of our priorities will be: setting up a

Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Day, protection of groundwater, updating our Local Emergency Planning Committee, the Forest Dunes project, improved countywide recycling and looking for state and federal grants to improve our "environmental" quality of life. Although these are not all of our concerns, they do represent some of the most important.

As was stated, we are going to have to make some tough choices at times. We are constantly cleaning up problems that come back to haunt us. This is not to declare that prior generations were deliberately trying to maltreat the environment, it is simply

ply that much of today's technology was simply not available. We need to make some sensible decisions and stop trying to fight "Mother Nature," because she always wins. The human race could have avoided many natural disasters if we had only thought out some of our decisions in a more prudent manner. We need to make informed decisions with respect to the environment, in order to preserve it for future generations. What we decide may not be exactly what we desire at the moment, but if it helps to protect our beautiful north woods, we have been victorious.

Pat Merrill
Crawford County Environmental Monitor

Beaver Creek Township

This past has been a good year for Beaver Creek Township. The highlight for the year was one of the most successful picnics we have ever had. Deanne Whiteside and Traci

Nelson served as co-chairpersons and were largely responsible for putting the picnic together. They were helped a great deal, by picnic committee members and volunteers from the community.

The picnic included activities, such as games for people of all ages, many door prizes and gifts, entertainment by a magician and Grayling Junior Miss, Melissa Ostwald.

New to the 1997 version of the picnic was a moon walk and a dunk tank. In addition to all of the above, approximately 400 residents enjoyed an excellent picnic dinner.

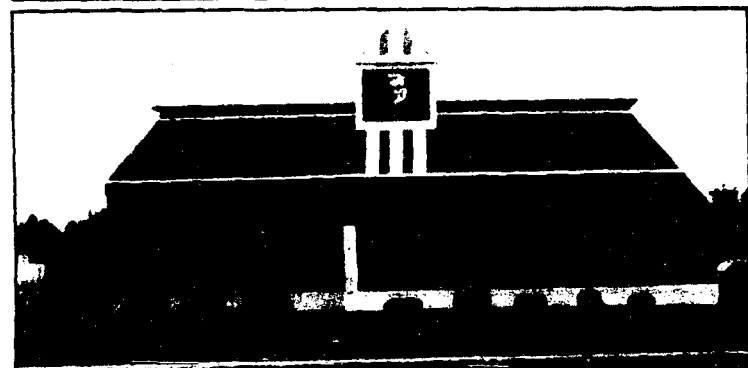
People familiar with our township know that the board has tried to find a palatable solution to our trash handling project while at the same time improving our revenue flow.

The result of this effort will bring about requiring residents to purchase trash bags in order to dispose of trash at our transfer site. Please be aware, that this may not be the final solution and that we will continue to look for other ways to handle and pay for our trash removal.

children help run the restaurants. Dana is the office manager and Christie is the office secretary. Steve Jr. is the manager of the Harrison restaurant, and Michelle is in college.

As the business grows so does the services offered. Catering has become a major portion of their service.

Kentucky Fried Chicken



Kentucky Fried Chicken opened the Grayling Restaurant on July 30, 1997. This became the fifth Kentucky Fried Chicken owned and operated by Steve Rudoni and family.

With the main office in Mt. Pleasant, Rudoni's wife Lynn and three

LEGAL ACTION

CRAWFORD COUNTY HOUSING REHABILITATION AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

1998 MEETING SCHEDULE

January 8, 1998	July 9, 1998
February 12, 1998	August 13, 1998
March 12, 1998	September 10, 1998
April 9, 1998	October 8, 1998
May 14, 1998	November 12, 1998
June 11, 1998	December 10, 1998

The meetings are held at the Citizens Bank, Grayling, MI in their conference room located in the basement and begin at 9 a.m. If any changes are made, the change will be published in ample time. Citizens wishing to address the Housing Commission Board may contact the Housing Commission office located at 203 Huron Street, Grayling, MI, (517) 348-3513, to be placed on the agenda.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

There will be a public hearing at 7 pm on January 7, 1998, in the county building at a regular meeting of the Crawford County Planning and Zoning Commission regarding the re-zoning of areas in Beaver Creek Township.

The areas to be re-zoned are:

- Four Mile Road area at the 251 interchange including areas east of Old-27 and south to Five Mile Road easterly approximately 1,000 feet to the area zoned Industrial. Excluding the area of small tracts along Five Mile Road and also properties bordering the west side of I-75 from Four Mile Road to Five Mile Road westerly 1,000 feet. A change from Heavy Service Commercial (HSC) to Community Services Commercial (CSC).
- And the areas along Military Road to King Road be changed from Agricultural Residential (AR) and Resource Development-Military (RD-M) to (LDR).

Documents are on file at the Office of the Building & Zoning Department for your inspection.

Comments may be sent to: Building & Zoning Department, 200 W. Michigan Avenue - Annex Building, Grayling, MI 49738.

Jack Mahank - Chairman

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

MORTGAGE SALE-Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Chad Alan FLOWERS, A single man, Individual to AMERICAN HERITAGE, Inc., Mortgage, dated December 1, 1995 and recorded on December 7, 1995 in Liber 404, on Page 337, Crawford County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgagee to the FLAGSTAR BANK, FSB (f/a First Security Savings Bank, FBS, as assignee by an assignment dated December 1, 1995 which was recorded on December 7, 1995, in Liber 404, on Page 345, Crawford County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-Three Thousand Seven Hundred Forty-Two and 59/100 Dollars (\$43,742.59), including interest at 8.375% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 o'clock a.m., on Wednesday, January 28, 1998.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF GRAYLING, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

The South 1/2 of Lot numbered 12 and all of Lot numbered 13, Northern AuSable Acres, as recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, Page 31, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 18, 1997

FLAGSTAR BANK, FSB

FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:

(248) 642-4202

Trott & Trott, P.C.

Attorneys for FLAGSTAR BANK, FSB.

30150 Telegraph

Suite 100

Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025

File # 97110X05

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MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Robert A. Tremain & Associates, P.C. is a debt collector and we are attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

MORTGAGE SALE-Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by TEDDIE L. CANNOY AND KAREN J. CANNOY, HUSBAND AND WIFE to UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ACTING THROUGH THE FARMERS, HOME ADMINISTRATION, U.S. DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE now known as USDA, RURAL DEVELOPMENT Mortgage, dated July 15, 1992, and recorded on July 15, 1992, in Liber 345, on page 73, CRAWFORD County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of fifty five thousand seven hundred twenty seven and 19/100 Dollars (\$55,727.19), including interest at 8.250% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and approved, notice is hereby given that said mortgagee will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of County Building, Grayling, MI, at 10:00 a.m. on January 14, 1998.

Said Premises are situated in CITY OF GRAYLING, CRAWFORD County, Michigan and are described as:

Lot 32, Sherwood Forest, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Liber 03 of Plats, Page 11, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241(a) in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale

Dated: December 4, 1997
USDA, RURAL DEVELOPMENT
ATTORNEY FOR Mortgagee:
Robert A. Tremain & Associates, P.C.
401 South Old Woodard Avenue
Suite 300
Birmingham, MI 48009-6616

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SYNOPSIS BEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP

Regular Meeting 12/8/97

The regular meeting of the Beaver Creek Township Board was called to order at 7 p.m. by Supervisor Riley. All board members were present. There were two guests present.

J. Dap Co.



J Dap Co. was established in 1989, when four women had the desire to go into business together! J. Dap started small and has grown to what we have today and continues to grow.

J Dap Co. over the years has strived to offer quality products with affordable prices along with offering many services.

J Dap helped start Uptown Grayling Saturdays which was a program that offered activities on

Saturday that included art and music demonstrations, cooking demonstrations and more.

J Dap houses four businesses under one roof, JC Penney Catalog Store, J Dap Gift Store, J Dap Tuxedo Rental and Western Union. All four businesses keep us hopping and offer services that are not always available in a small town.

The JC Penney Catalog Store is like having a large department store right in your neighborhood.

Maple Forest Township

The board members re-elected were, Mark Kniss (supervisor), Susan Keene (clerk), Debbie Armstrong (treasurer), Sandy Baynham and Mike Armstrong (trustees).

The township hall has undergone major renovations and improvements. A brand new 24x48 addition was constructed for office area, existing entries were remodeled and new flooring was installed throughout the entire hall. These

improvements were all part of a two-year plan and the township is looking forward to utilizing all the added space.

Our third annual Clean-Up Day was held in May this year. Each clean-up seems to be little more organized and successful. All in all, we are seeing improvements throughout the township which seem to reflect in the increase of property sales, new homes being constructed and added residents in the township.

Upper Lakes Tire



1997 was a year of downsizing and remodeling for Upper Lakes Tire.

We sold our tire recapping portion of the business in January.

We completely remodeled our showroom in the winter. This took

some time, as most of the work was done after hours.

In June we paved our parking lot, a long overdo and much needed improvement.

February of 1998 will begin our 15th year of business in Grayling.

Motion by McGregor to accept minutes to meeting of 11/10/97 with two corrections. Seconded and carried.

Motion by Mobarak to accept Treasurer's report as presented. Seconded and carried.

Mr. Bob Goodwin, Consumers Energy requested Board take action regarding Consumers Energy Company Non-Exclusive Electric Franchise Ordinance, Ordinance No. 14. Mobarak moves that we accept said Ordinance as presented. Seconded by McGregor. Ayes: 5; Nays: 0; Motion carried.

Twelve pieces of correspondence were accepted.

OLD BUSINESS: Motion by Mobarak to accept bid from Reliable for stripping and waxing of Community Center floors. Seconded and carried.

McGregor moves that we ask Jim or Pat to work at the transfer site through January to hand out flyers and help check bags. Seconded and carried.

Letter should be sent to Holiday Heights residents explaining repaving project.

Cleanup at corner of Old-27 and Six Mile Road has been turned over to County Zoning.

Discussion regarding driveway cleanup at old roadside park on South Grayling Road. Mobarak will check into it.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by McGregor to allow Turkey Federation to use Community Center the second Tuesday of every month for meeting. Seconded and carried.

Discussion regarding Land Division Act Ordinance and put on January agenda.

Mobarak moves that we authorize Supervisor to negotiate for summer taxes. Seconded and carried.

Riley moves to authorize anyone wanting to attend January Conference to do so. Seconded and carried.

Motion by Mobarak to adopt Resolution Amending Budget. Seconded and carried.

Toys for Tots box in hall and Community Reading Program will be handing out children's books for Christmas.

Motion by Mobarak to pay AP bills. Seconded and carried.

Motion by Riley to transfer money to the Fire Department. Seconded and carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Sharon K. Hartman
Clerk

GRAYLING TOWNSHIP NOTICE

Grayling Township Building Department Procedure and Fee Schedule adopted by the Grayling Township Board on 8-12-97, will become effective January 1, 1998. Copies of the new procedure and fee schedule are available at the Grayling Township Hall during regular business hours Monday thru Friday, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm.

Monica S. Ashton,
Grayling Township Clerk

NOTICE THE 1998 CRAWFORD COUNTY ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners will conduct the annual 1998 Crawford County Organizational board meeting on Monday, January 5, 1998, at 9 a.m. in the Crawford County Courthouse, 200 W. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, Michigan 49738.

Sandra Moore
Crawford County Clerk/Register of Deeds
12/03/97

FACTS AND FEATURES

HOROSCOPES

For The Week Of January 4-10

ARIES

March 21-April 20

You already have a good handle on what's going wrong in your life, but it's time to take a look at what's gone right. Don't be so slow to congratulate yourself on work well done. You deserve praise, whether you're getting it or not.

TAURUS

April 21-May 21

Pay extra-close attention this week to the little things, especially at home. You have a knack for laughing off adversity, which is good, but sweat the details this time. It will pay off for you. By week's end, you'll hear good news.

GEMINI

May 22-June 21

Do not say what's on your mind this week. The wrong people may be listening and you can't afford to offend anyone important to your career. It might just be better to confide in someone outside of work this time. Call an old friend this weekend. They will have a surprise for you.

CANCER

June 22-July 22

Some criticism is heading your way, but don't flinch. You need to keep an open mind and listen this time. You may find you deserve the criticism. Admit the mistake early and prepare for a rocky relationship to steady.

LEO

July 23-August 23

Your clothes may look good to you, but someone important is going to be watching you this week. Take a little extra care in how you dress. Maybe it's time for something new.

VIRGO

August 24-September 22

You have more energy than you think this week, but you'll have to manage it properly. Don't waste time on tasks that you know aren't any real benefit to you, regardless of what someone else is telling you. Be your own manager until the task you're on is complete.

LIBRA

September 23-October 23

Communication with your partner could be the difference between happiness and sorrow this week. Don't wait for them to come to you for resolution. You have an opportunity to make a difference in someone's life this weekend. Watch for it—it won't be obvious.

SCORPIO

October 24-November 22

Food is going to be important to you this week. Don't pay attention just to what you eat, but also where it's coming from. By week's end, you'll be starving for personal attention at work. It's O.K. to ask for it.

SAGITTARIUS

November 23-December 31

Nobody can force you to accept the responsibilities you've been avoiding, but it will be to your benefit to do so. When you least expect it, the road is going to straighten out for you and get a little easier to navigate. Give a coworker some well-deserved praise.

CAPRICORN

December 22-January 20

Keep in touch with old friends—someone may have news that interests you. Don't be afraid to try new ideas this week. You have the creativity to do something truly new. Plan ahead for a busy weekend.

AQUARIUS

January 21-February 18

There's more than one way to solve a problem. Don't stop looking until you've found the alternative that is not going to cause more problems than the one it will solve. Doing the right thing may be painful this week, but it will pay off.

PISCES

February 19-March 20

Offer a kind gesture to a stranger this week. You'll be surprised how many times you reap benefits from the experience. Don't take too long to decide how to handle what appears to be an easy situation early in the week. It could become complicated if you wait.

For Entertainment Purposes Only

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

BBQ Shrimp with Old Bay

(Yield: 10 hors d'oeuvres)

Barbecue Sauce:

1/4 C. mild barbecue sauce
1 1/2 t. prepared horseradish
1 t. lime juice
1 t. Dijon mustard
1/2 t. Old Bay Seasoning

Combine sauce ingredients.

In a glass bowl, place shrimp, white wine, lime juice, 2 t. olive oil and 2 t. Old Bay. Marinate shrimp 15 minutes. Pat shrimp dry.

Starting at tail end, wrap the bacon around the shrimp being careful not to tear the bacon. Using 2 shrimp per skewer, skewer each shrimp once near the tail and once near the head. Season with 2 t. Old Bay.

Just before cooking, brush shrimp with remaining olive oil.

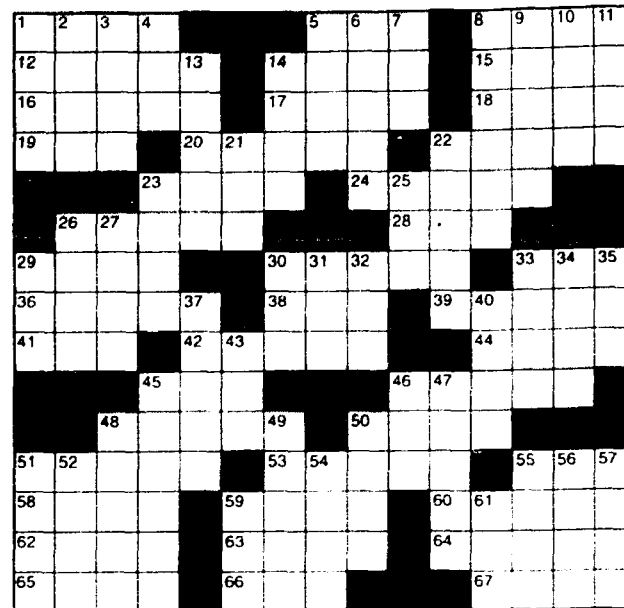
For Shrimp:

20 jumbo shrimp-peeled, leaving tail shell on & deveined
20 slices thinly sliced lean bacon
1/4 C. white wine
1/4 C. lime juice
4 T. olive oil, divided
4 t. Old Bay seasoning, divided
10 metal or wooden skewers

Boil or grill for 5 minutes per side or until bacon is cooked and shrimp is pink and firm to touch. Serve the shrimp with sauce for dipping.



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- The Twilight
- Took the cake
- Kong
- Lifeless
- Jellystone picnic basket ficher
- Place of bliss
- Leveling tool
- It might be transitive
- Actress Best
- Part of the Midwest abbr.
- Teammate to Roe and Robinson
- It's no match for the postman
- Miscalculation
- Bullock
- 1988 Olympics site
- Eliminate
- Garment connector
- Nippon
- tree (2 wds.)
- Maxwell and Lancaster
- Cry of surprise
- Surrey racetrack
- Well-known locale
- Clever
- Opposite of emaciated
- No-see-um
- Earth. Fr.
- Montand of Saint Laurent
- Notable time

- Accolade
- Simple song
- Food eaten on a tuffet
- Strong
- Paper Moon Oscar winner
- Impair
- Jai
- Energy source
- Hindu religious teacher
- Little Shasta's creator
- Mid-expertise
- Navajo home
- Gill
- Cleopatra's pet
- Farm sound
- Dijon waterway
- Humorist Bombeck
- Refined bit
- Seaweed
- Drying oven
- Mediterranean, e.g.
- Musical Pass
- Sounds of wonder
- Utah's author
- Online person
- Duck's mate
- Qty.
- Like a chimney come spring
- With Fire
- Rolling Stones!
- Interruption word
- of the valley
- Exclamation of discovery
- Gambrian
- Haus
- for a song
- Wale
- Court insurance
- Hummer's neighbor
- Certain tide
- Balthazar and his pals
- 1 m.
- (Fabian hit), 2 wds.
- Roller skating area
- Agricultural loan go
- Send flowers and candy e.g.

DOWN

- Moves energetically
- In Name
- (Cary Grant film)
- Within reach
- Seafowl
- Trials
- Folklore giants
- Bird's bill
- Well-known locale
- More strange
- Island goose
- No-see-um
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A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 YEARS AGO

December 26, 1974

Kissing under Mistletoe—under a sprig of mistletoe men are by custom privileged to kiss any women standing under it. The man is supposed to first remove one of the berries and present it to the woman. When all the berries are gone, the kissing game is over. It is thought this custom comes from an early pagan marriage rite.

Christmas solstice. Northern European tribes used to celebrate their chief festival of the Yule around the time of the winter solstice. That's when the days began to lengthen and the "rebirth of the sun" was honored.

"Yuletide Is Here" Love, Warmth, Cheer — And inside, close to the hearthstone, There is love and warmth and cheer. While gay and festive spirit, Seems to say, "Yuletide is here."

Bear Mountain tow fees: \$2 for resident students and \$3 for resident adults. Non-residents student \$4 and non-resident adults \$6.

Noted Hollywood actor, Curt Madson, to appear at Joseph Stripe Auditorium on Jan. 7th.

Poem reprint from 1974:

The Christmas Sled

Oh, for the winters that used to be!

The winters that only a boy may see!

Rich with snowflakes' rush and swirl;

Keen as a diamond; pure as a pearl;

Brimming with healthful, rollicking fun;

Sweet with their rest when the play was done;

With kindly revels each day decreed.

And a Christmas sled for the royal steed.

Down from the crest with a shrill hurray!

Clear the track, there! Out of the way!

Scarcely touching the path beneath;

Scarce admitting of breath to breathe;

Dashing along, with leap and serve,

Over the crossing, round the curve.

Talk of your flying machines! Instead,

Give me the swoop of that Christmas sled.

46 YEARS AGO

December 27, 1951

Earl Westbrook and family came Saturday to spend Christmas at their cabin but had to snow-in, but they thoroughly enjoyed it.

Miss Katherine Peterson of Mt. Morris is spending the holidays with her mother Mrs. Ester Peterson.

Mr. and Mrs. James Brown of Mt. Clemens and Alan Steveson of Battle Creek arrived Saturday to spend Christmas with Dr. and Mrs. C. G. Clippert at Lake Margrethe.

Mr. and Mrs. Burton Drummond and Roger Giegling of Detroit spent Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Giegling and Miss Sue.

M. and Mrs. H. E. Farrington and daughter Jackie of Lansing arrived Monday to spend Christmas with their daughter and family, Dr. and Mrs. B. Elmore Henig. Dr. Henig's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Henig of Detroit, and aunt, Mrs. Elizabeth Fisher of Pensacola, Fla., are expected to arrive to spend several days.

At the William Golnick home for Christmas were Fritz Golnick from Selfridge Field, Tike Golnick from Sault Ste. Marie, R.N. Jerry Golnick from Battle Creek and Delores Golnick from Washington D.C. Delores will leave to work in Lansing after the first of the year.

Jack Richardson arrived home

from the University of Michigan to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Richardson and sister Mary.

69 YEARS AGO

December 27, 1928

Miss Lillian Mortenson of Flint is spending the holidays visiting her mother, Mrs. Andrew Mortenson.

Mrs. Matilda Bishop and son, Douglas of Cleveland are spending the holiday vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Foley. Other guests are Mrs. McGivern of Detroit, Miss Gertrude of Grosse Isle and her friend Phillip Boucher.

Miss Mildred Corwin is home from Lansing for the holidays visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Corwin and family.

Mr. and Mrs. George Biggs left Saturday to spend two weeks with their daughter, Mrs. Foryst D. Barber and family.

John Bruun enjoyed having as his guest over Christmas, Elmer R. Schoenlehen of Lansing.

Guests at the C.B. Johnson home for the holidays are Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bosworth of Bay City and Carl Johnson.

Miss Ruby Stephan, who is employed in Toledo, visited over Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Stephan.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Gross of Detroit visited over Christmas with relatives here, guests at the home of the late's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Swanson.

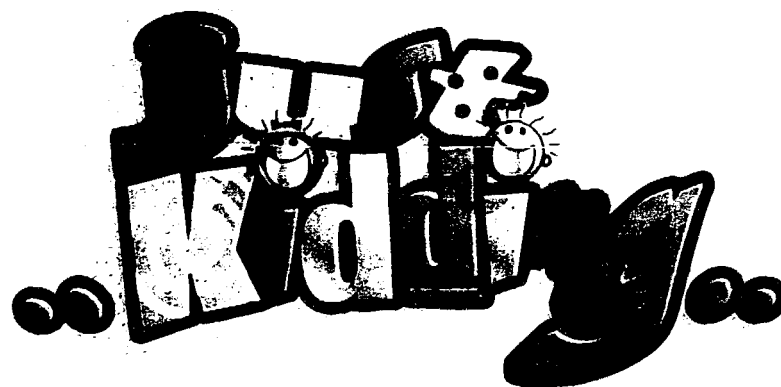
92 YEARS AGO

December 28, 1905

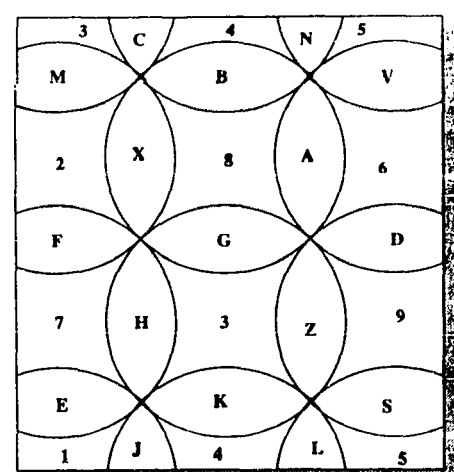
Miss Mable Ivory is visiting at the home of Prof. E. G. Clark.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Campbell, Christmas morning a daughter.

Miss Laura Simpson is home for a two week vacation from her school in Traverse City.



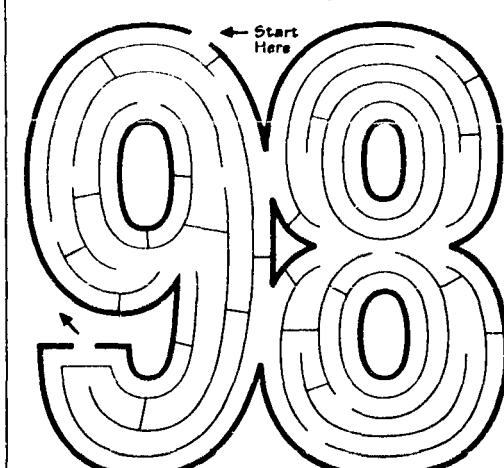
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HAPPY NEW YEAR



WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

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12/24	31	23	
12/25	32	27	.04
12/26	33	28	
12/27	29	19	
12/28	29	0	
12/29	29	14	.02

Forecast courtesy of the U.S. Weather Service in Gaylord: Tuesday, Cloudy. Snow likely, 60 % chance, High 29 to 35, Low in the upper teens; Wednesday, Chance of snow, High in the upper 20s to low 30s, Low 10 to the upper teens; Friday, Chance of snow, High in the low to mid 30s, Low in the 20s.

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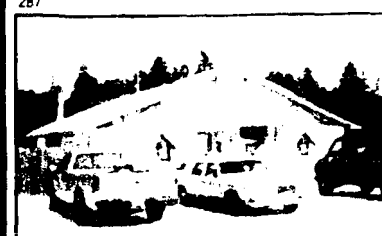
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INTERESTED IN OWNING your own northern Michigan bar and grille? Near proposed new golf community. Class C license, patio license, take out, dance permit and Sunday sales. Seating capacity of 80 customers. Equipment and fixtures included. LC assumption. Price reduced \$165,000. CH-544



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HUNTING CAMP 10-80 acres w/ cabins, can divide. Surrounded by state land, \$14,000 - \$112,000. N. Grayling, MI. Financing possible. 616-947-1990. 11/20/97tf/1

PRICE REDUCED, \$39,500, two bedroom, one bath, vacant, 300 Huron St. (one block from Cornell Insurance on M-72 East), was \$44,500. 348-4055. 11/13/97tf/1

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AUSABLE COUNTRY ACRES a log home association development. Park, cable, underground utilities, near AuSable River and Kneff Lake. Land contract terms. Contact 517-348-7355, Grayling. 12/22/97tf/1

NEWLY BUILT 1,250 sq. ft., three bedroom, attached garage, 123'x165' lot, Karen Woods subdivision, 6174 Libby. \$72,500. 348-4840. -18-24-31-7/1

FOR SALE OR RENT Two-three bedroom, vinyl sided, partial log home. New 4" well, furnace and carpet. Near AuSable River state land. Contact 517-348-7355. 12-4-97tf/1

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TWO POSSIBLY THREE BED-ROOM home located on 5 Mile Road. Big attached garage, one acre, \$45,000. 348-8112. -18-24-31-8/1

HOME FOR SALE by owner. Priced \$10,000 under appraisal. Two bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, full walk-out basement and attached two car garage. 120' x 250' lot. \$60,000 cash. 517-275-6358, owners relocating. -31-8/1

AUSABLE COUNTRY ACRES Large wooded lots, a log home association development. Park, cable, underground utilities, near AuSable River and Kneff Lake. Land contract terms by owner. Contact 517-348-7355, Grayling. 12/29/97tf/1

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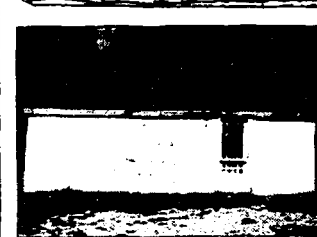
TURN-KEY COTTAGE - BRING LINENS, TOWELS AND FOOD, THAT'S ALL YOU WILL NEED Lake Margrethe access down the hill two blocks away. Completely furnished with Rittenhouse antiques. 680 sq. ft. of living space with 1 1/2 baths and full basement. Two-car attached garage. \$65,000. #JG-610



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M-72 EAST OF GRAYLING five miles is the location of this modern one-bedroom cabin. Includes stove and refrigerator. Close access to state land and AuSable River. Owner financing \$21,900. (DL-99)



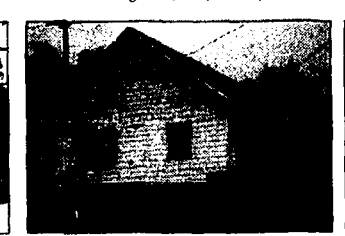
401 INGHAM STREET Near the AuSable River in Grayling. Four units and additional storage area. Coin-op laundry. Includes stoves and refrigerators. Excellent occupancy rate. Owner financing. \$118,500. (LM-959)



DOUBLE CORNER LOT is the location of this two-bedroom, two-bath home with a partial basement, enclosed porch, two-car garage and handicap ramp. Enclosed heated 10x40 lap pool. \$62,000. (LM-RC-957)



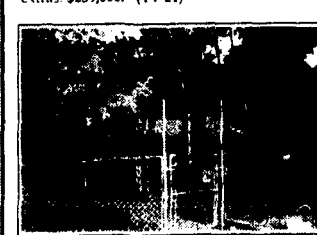
117 FT. AUABLE RIVER with a gorgeous view from this 3,700 sq. ft. home with three bedrooms, three baths, attached garage, 2nd floor, built-in appliances, hardwood floors, huge stone fireplace. Lots of storage and many extras. \$239,000. (TV-21)



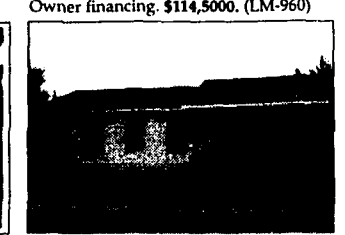
SPRUCE STREET Four-unit apartment building and a storage area for each unit. Includes stoves and refrigerators. Coin-op laundry area. Excellent occupancy, convenient to downtown location. Owner financing. \$114,500. (LM-960)



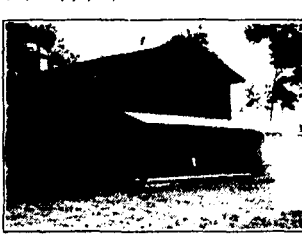
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FOR LEASE river front home, two bedroom, one bath, utility, combined kitchen and living room, enclosed porch, storage shed, \$400. First and last month's plus \$400 security deposit and utilities references. 348-8466. 11/13/97u/2

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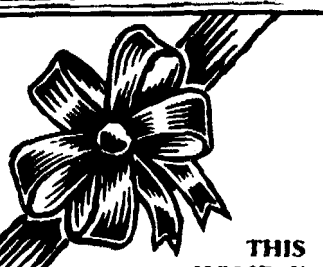
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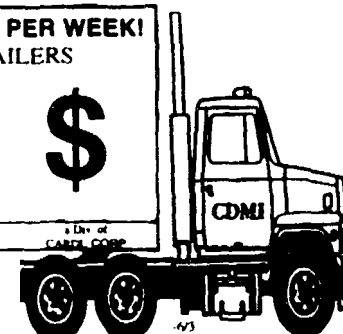
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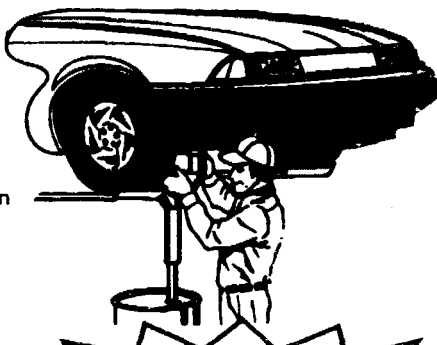
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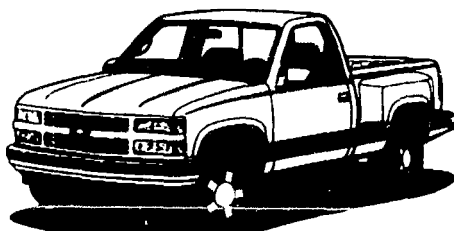
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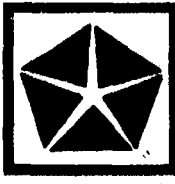
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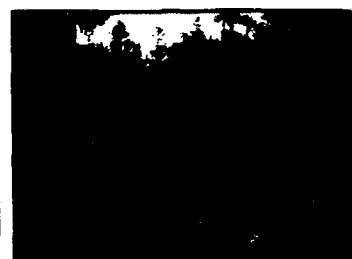
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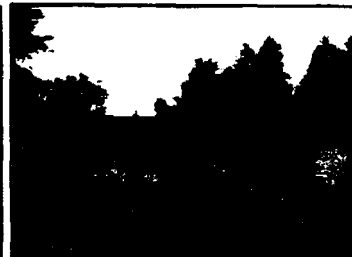
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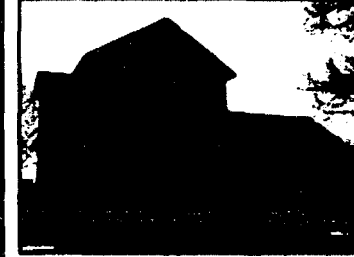
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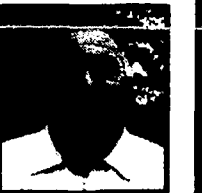
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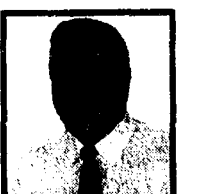
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